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abdullah ends Jordan visit

JEDDAH, Nov. 12 (Agencies) — Second Deputy Premier Prince Abdullah left here today for Morocco after a two-day visit during his stay here, at the invitation of King Hussein, he had talks with the Jordanian monarch and Crown Prince Hassan on latest Middle East developments and ter relations.

Prince said Saudi Arabia was prepared continue producing more oil than it needs own development in order to keep the economy moving.

Saud continues Arab tour

DAMASCUS, Nov. 12 (Agencies) — Foreign Minister Saud Al-Faisal Monday delivered a message from King Khalid to Syrian President Hafez Assad.

The Prince arrived here from Baghdad where he also delivered another message Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

The messages dealt with the coordination alignment of Arab stands in the light of recent circumstances.

This trip is part of Saudi Arabian efforts to find a concerted approach to the summit which begins on Nov. 20.



CHAIRS MEETING : Crown Prince Faisal presiding over a cabinet meeting in Jeddah

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Biggest Canadian evacuation

MISSISSAUGA, Ontario, Canada, Nov. 12 (AP) — Firefighters reported Monday morning they had contained a potentially disastrous fire from chemical-loaded train that derailed over the weekend and forced the biggest peacetime evacuation in Canadian history. (See related story page 14)

Authorities had urged 220,000 residents to flee a 60-square-mile area from this city in Toronto's western suburbs because of the spreading smoke and fumes. Police said they believed most complied. The greatest threat was from an

spilled car filled with 90 tons of liquid chlorine that lay only a few feet from some of the eight burning cars of propane gas. But by late Monday morning fire officials said the nearby cars had been coated with ice, though some flames still licked from cracks.

Poisonous chlorine was leaking slowly and vaporizing.

The remaining fires at the site were contained, said city fire chief Gordon Bentley.

It was not known when the evacuated residents might be able to return to their homes, and chemical experts said the fires could continue until Tuesday.

Eleven wounded in Negev bombs

TEL AVIV, Nov. 12 (R) — Eleven Israelis were wounded Monday when two time bombs exploded in the southern Negev town of Dimona, police said. The first blast near the desert town's post office.

Police searched the area for more explosives and spotted a suspicious package. It exploded as a sapper approached it, wounding him and 10 other people, police said.

In Damascus, Palestinian commandos said one of their men attacked an Israeli foot patrol in the Negev with a hand grenade Sunday, killing or wounding some of its members.

The Palestine News Agency Wafa quoted a spokesman as saying a commando operating from within the occupied homeland attacked the patrol while it was approaching a local market. The grenade also caused heavy material losses in some stores.

Airlines warned

DAMASCUS, Nov. 12 (AP) — The Arab Civilian Aviation Council Monday announced a boycott of all airlines using the East Jerusalem airport of Kalandia in the Israeli occupied West Bank.

The boycott will extend to a refusal of permission by Arab governments to those airlines to overfly Arab territory or land at Arab airports, the council said. Furthermore, the aircraft of any country granting landing rights to Israeli aircraft using Kalandia airport will also be boycotted, the council said.

The council, the highest Arab civil aviation authority, has informed the International Air Transport Association (IATA) of its decision, the announcement said. The meeting, which continues for the rest of the week, is being attended by representatives from 20 Arab states.



MEETS MISSION : King Khalid Monday receives the Libyan pilgrim mission led by Libyan Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Ahmed Fawzi Hilal bin Faid.

Salam on South Lebanon PLO's help needed now

By Elias Haddad

JEDDAH, Nov. 12 — A prominent Lebanese Muslim politician Monday urged the Palestine Liberation Organization to cooperate with Lebanese government plans for bringing peace to the country's ravaged South.

Former Prime Minister Saeb Salam told *Arab News* in an interview here that the PLO should "help normalize the situation in the South."

The current Lebanese government is not able to do the job on its own, Salam said, and it needs the cooperation of the sizable PLO forces in the South in order to bring peace to the area.

The government in recent weeks has asked that the PLO allow units of the reconstituted Lebanese Army free access through all areas of the South, and has urged the organization to use its influence to quiet down the situation.

Salam, who has served as prime minister several times, and has long-time links to Saudi Arabia, was one of the few Muslim



INTERVIEW: Former Lebanese Prime Minister Saeb Salam during an interview at his Sheraton suite in Jeddah.

leaders in Lebanon not to form a private militia during the civil war of 1975-76.

Speaking here during a visit to renew contacts with the Kingdom's leaders, he lauded the recognition the Palestinian cause has won in the world recently.

"Palestine continues to be our first cause, and it delights us that it has reached a world position," he said, adding that it was in the organization's interest to help control the situation in the South.

A united Arab and Palestinian position on the South would be a guarantee against Israeli aggression there, the former prime minister said.

"The PLO and the Arab leaders should come up with such a position at the Tunis summit later this month," he urged. Arab League heads of state are due to meet in Tunis Nov. 20 to begin discussions on the Lebanon issue and other Arab concerns.

He said he hoped the result of the summit would be a collective Arab move to halt "a human tragedy in Southern Lebanon."

Salam said the responses given to envoys sent recently by Lebanese President Elias Sarkis to Arab capitals have convinced him that the summit has a strong chance of success.

"There is a strong consensus to work for its success," he said. Another factor boding well for the summit, he said, was the fact that Saudi Arabia had given its firm support to the move to hold the meeting in Tunis, rather than in Riyadh as had been suggested in some quarters.

"The willingness of the government of King Khalid to avoid bruising sensitivities or to claim for itself any credit coming out of successful resolution of the Lebanon question at the summit leads us to pin hopes on its success," he said.

Salam, who has received extensive Saudi aid for his large scale educational, health and social projects in Lebanon's Islamic community, praised the Kingdom's leaders for continuing to provide him aid.

He said uninterrupted Saudi support for the country's Muslims has enabled them to withstand "corrupt ideological currents storming Lebanon after the civil war."

As president of the Lebanese Islamic Welfare Society (Al Makasid), Salam and his group operate 47 schools in Lebanon, as well as operating various social clubs, hospitals and welfare societies for Lebanese Muslims.

"Our Islamic institutions, thanks to the support of King Khalid and Crown Prince Faisal, have been able to consolidate the ranks of 90 per cent of the Muslim community against imported ideologies," he said.

The National Lebanese Muslim Bloc member said that political and financial support from other Arab countries — and not inter-Arab struggles inside Lebanon — are needed to help get the country back on its feet.

He asked that Arab support now going to various Lebanese political factions be directed instead toward Lebanon's reconstruction.

Finns honored

JEDDAH, Nov. 12 (SPA) — Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri, deputy foreign minister for political affairs, Monday paid a courtesy visit to Finnish Foreign Minister Pekka Vayrynen at his Sheraton Hotel suite.

He was accompanied by Sheikh Salem Sunbul, the head of the Foreign Ministry Protocol. Later in the day, Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, the minister of petroleum and mineral resources, gave a lunch in honor of Vayrynen.

W. Bank demands freedom for mayor

TEL AVIV, Nov. 12 (Agencies) — Palestinian merchants closed their shops and students stayed out of class in the occupied West Bank Monday to protest the arrest of Nablus Mayor Bassam Shakaa.

A spokesman for the military government said youths in Ramallah, north of Jerusalem, stoned an Israeli vehicle, breaking its windshield. But no one was injured in the incident, the spokesman said.

All the stores in Ramallah and Nablus were closed, the spokesman said, and students at Bir Zeit University near Ramallah demonstrated against Shakaa's arrest.

Shakaa meanwhile lost a supreme court appeal to be freed from jail Monday as the deadline approached for mass resignations of other Palestinian leaders.

In Beirut the Palestine Liberation Organization denounced Israel Monday for arresting the mayor vowing to take action against Israel's territorial expansion motives.

"The Israelis are getting rid of Mayor Bassam al-Shakaa and other Palestinian dignitaries in order to clear the way for setting up new settlements on Arab lands," said PLO spokesman Mahmoud Labadi. "We will ask the whole world to condemn this and put an end to it."

PLO fails to free hostages

TEHRAN, Nov. 12 (Agencies) — A Palestine Liberation Organization Monday gave up any hope of negotiating for the release of nearly 100 hostages held by students at the American embassy here.

Salah Khalaf, deputy leader of the Fateh organization, denied at a press conference in Kuwait that the PLO delegation had gone to Tehran to mediate the situation, but his denial appeared to be a question of the meaning of the word.

The leader of the delegation, Brig. Saad Sayel, head of the PLO's military arm, had said that mediation means acting as an intermediary between two sides, and since the delegation was not acting at American request, it could not be said to be mediating.

However, details of the delegation's talks with Iranian authorities were relayed by PLO sources to an American peace delegation which has been stranded in Istanbul, Turkey, since last week.

At his press conference, Khalaf said that the PLO group had argued for the hostages' release, but had not been successful. The three-man group returned to Damascus late Sunday night.

"Despite the fact that we side with the Iranian revolution on any confrontation or battle and despite our high regard for the Iranian revolution, we believe America cannot be fought through occupation of its embassy but rather through a serious and radical confrontation," Khalaf said.

STOP PRESS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12 (AP) — President Jimmy Carter will order an end to direct purchases of oil from Iran in apparent response to the takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, administration sources said Monday.

The failure of the PLO effort to end seizure brought an end to the brightest hope for an early release of the hostages.

Iranian authorities led by Ayatollah Khomeini have already rejected appeals from world leaders, including Pope John Paul II and the U.N. Security Council, for the release of the prisoners.

The country's new foreign affairs supervisor, Abdolhassan Banis-Sadr, a member of the country's ruling Revolutionary Council, Monday called in all foreign ambassadors to the capital to urge them to work for extradition of the Shah.

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Naif warns pilgrim guides on abusing powers

MECCA, Nov. 12 (SPA) — Prince Minister Prince Naif has issued a sharp warning to pilgrim guides who abuse their positions, threatening the guides, or *mutawifin* receives

fin, here Sunday, he reminded them that they were not engaged in a commercial activity. Their task was to serve pilgrims, and they should not take more money for that service than the pilgrim can afford.

Prince Naif was accompanied by Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie, who expressed his appreciation for the "perfect cooperation" between his

ministry and Prince Naif's in serving pilgrims.

Mutawifin have come under attack in several quarters this year for allegedly failing to fulfil their responsibility towards their pilgrims and for overcharging. It is their duty to help the pilgrims in their groups to master the ritual of the Pilgrimage, and to make sure the pilgrims are adequately cared for, housed and fed and put on their way home.

Before the Pilgrimage warnings were issued of suspension of any guide conspicuously neglecting this duty, and Deputy Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Abdullah Bouqas recently said that by next year's Pilgrimage guides will be organized collectively rather than individually, in an attempt to stamp out abuses of the system. An experiment was made in collective organization of guides for European and American pilgrims, and it was pronounced a success.

Prince Naif said Saudi Arabia was honored to serve the pilgrims and had a great responsibility towards them. The *mutawifin* had a great role to play in the service of pilgrims and that all the projects carried out by the government aimed at making it easy for the pilgrims and the *mutawifin* to do their duty.

He told the *mutawifin* that they should realize the importance of their duty and that their job was primarily attached to a religious rite and not a purely commercial one.

He talked about the new organization that will be formed next year for the *mutawifin* and urged them to cooperate fully to make it a success.

Speaking about Interior Ministry efforts during the Pilgrimage

he said there might have been some mistakes but that one should view the collective efforts of the entire force to evaluate its success.

A special committee will be formed to find out why some *mutawifin* failed in their duties and caused a few pilgrims to get lost or to sleep in the open.

He called on the *mutawifin* to cooperate with the ministry to ensure that no pilgrims indulge in political activities or disturb the peace of the country and that of the pilgrims.

Any suggestions that aim at the public good should be submitted to him at all times, and he is willing to hear them.

It was meanwhile announced Monday that 150,000 pilgrims had left the Kingdom through Jeddah airport by Sunday at the rate of 26,000 a day.

The Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments said that the pilgrims were going as soon as possible, as planned by the ministry. Officials were very strict on people taking scheduled reservations to prevent any pilgrim, whether he came by air, sea or by road, stay behind.

He said that *mutawifin* had to get their groups to the airport 36 hours before their flight and to Jeddah port ideally 72 hours or at least 48 hours before their sailing time.

Daily New York flights planned for next month

agreements may be renewed.

The paper also reported that the General Presidency for Civil Aviation has handed over supervision of work on the new airport directly to the Ministry of Defense and Aviation. The presidency is an agency of the ministry, and the paper did not say why the move had been made.

Table tennis team triumphs

BAGHDAD, Nov. 12 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia's table tennis team has won the Second Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Junior Championship. It beat the Iraqi B team in the final Sunday. The North Yemeni team came third.



(SPA photo)
OPENING: Mecca Governor Prince Fawaz Sunday opened the new building of the Islamic DEVELOPMENT BANK in Jeddah (above). Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, the bank's president, addressed the ceremony (below left), as did Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil (below right).



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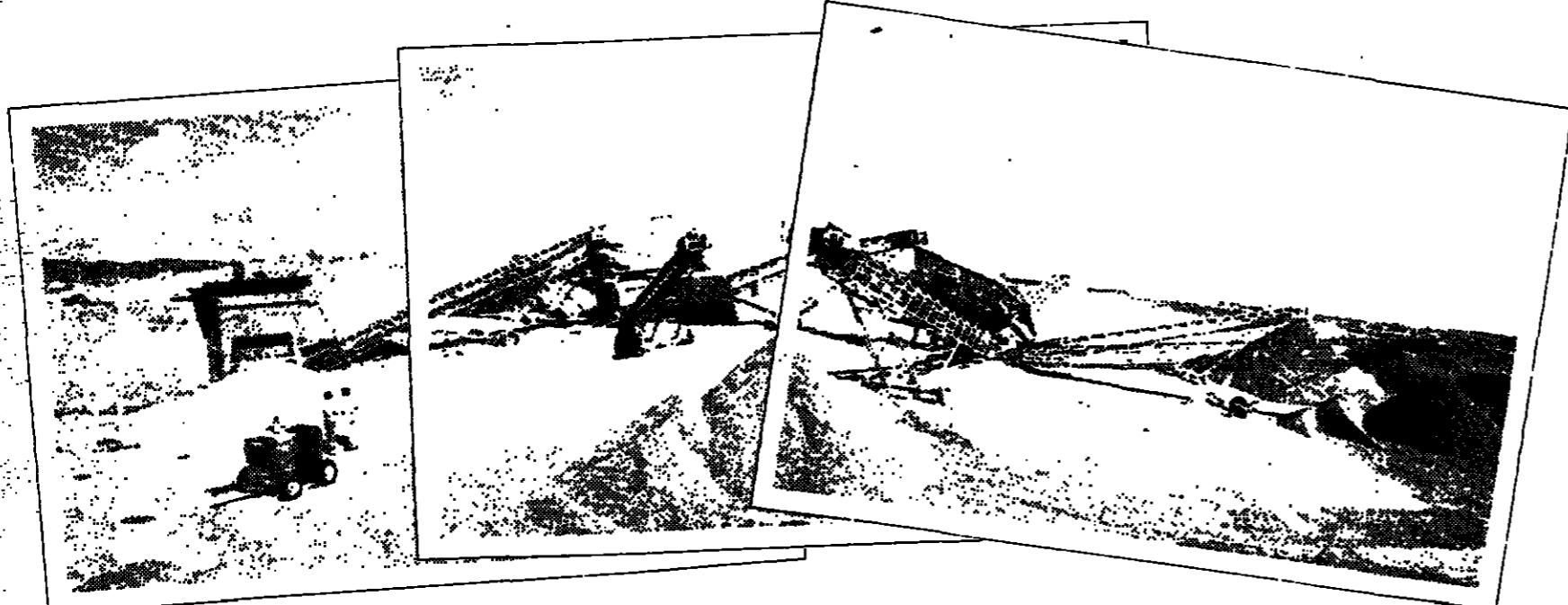
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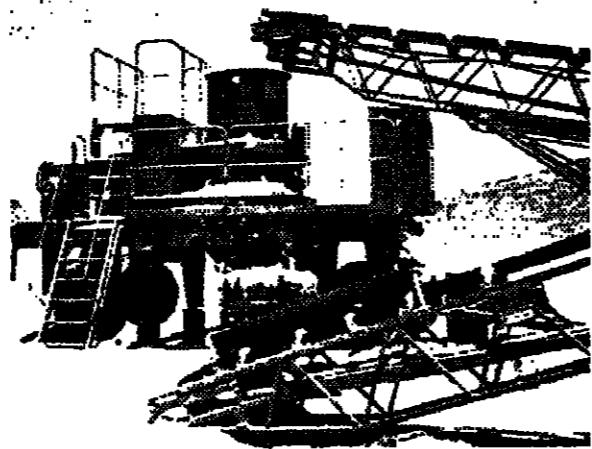
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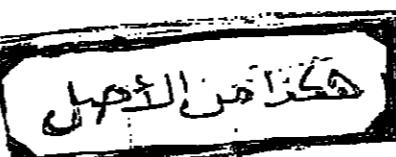
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To read paper**Anqari to attend labor talks**

JEDDAH, Nov. 12 — Labor Social Affairs Minister Abdul-Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Anqari will present the Kingdom at the conference of Arab labor and social affairs ministers in Rabat next week. He will submit a paper on progress made by Saudi Arabia. The agenda includes approval of a general Arab strategy for development, following up various resolutions and Arab agreements for International Children's Year.

His ministers will also discuss a for a conference on the handicapped for 1981's International Conference on the Handicapped.

Al-Anqari will be accompanied by a number of senior officials.

PA reported Monday that Saudi Arabia will take part in the 10th Primary School Conference scheduled to be held in Jeddah next week under the auspices of the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization.

The Kingdom's delegation will be led by Dr. Said Atieh Abu Ali.

director of education at the Eastern Province. He told reporters that the conference will discuss education in small towns and villages and the Islamization of schools, as well as the training of teachers.

Meanwhile, *Al-Riyadh* said Monday that a team of five experts from the United Nations Development Program has arrived in Riyadh for a week's visit. They will hold talks with members of the Technical Cooperation Committee.

100 families evacuated in Jeddah store blaze

JEDDAH, Nov. 12 — A fierce fire that broke out at midnight in the Qurayat area here forced the evacuation of 100 families. It took Civil Defense teams several hours to bring it under control, despite reinforcements arriving from the General Presidency of Civil Aviation:

Al-Medina reported Monday

In five months**29 die on Riyadh roads**

JEDDAH, Nov. 12 — In the five months 129 persons have been killed on roads in and around Riyadh.

Al-Jazeerah Monday quoted Dr. Shafi Al-Qahtani, head of Accidents Division of the Riyadh Traffic Department, as saying that 2,713 accidents occurred in the period. They resulted in

the injury of 1,089 persons, although 11,881 of those involved escaped unhurt. Foreigners were responsible for 43 per cent of the accidents. Of the total, 2,564 were inside Riyadh itself.

Ramadan was the safest month. Only 470 accidents happened, 17 deaths and 266 injuries.

WEATHER

It will remain moderate in most parts and fine in the western and south-western highlands. There will be a slight increase in temperature in the northern region.

Low cloud will cover the western and south-western highlands. Winds will be moderate and southerly occasionally active in the northern and central regions, causing sand haze.

Seas will be moderate to light.

Monday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

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Riyadh	37	25	Wajh	33	22
Dhahran	33	16	Turaiif	29	13
Medina	31	18	Arar	32	11
Al-Kaif	32	18	Sulayyel	31	15
	27	14	Abha	20	09

Saihat compensation paid**E. Province school contracts let**

DAMMAM, Nov. 12 (SPA) — The Ministry of Education has awarded contracts for school building in the Eastern Province to local firms.

Regional Director of Education Dr. Said Atiyah Abu Aali said that the projects include buildings for the summer camp in Dammam and primary schools in Harad, Rawda ibn Shuraib and Rawda ibn Abbas.

In Saihat, the municipality of Saihat has paid SR10.3 million in compensation for expropriation for state projects.

According to Mayor Ahmad Al-Issa, the municipality has formed a committee to discuss payment of compensation for

properties demolished in Anak and on King Faisal and King Khalid Roads in Saihat.

It was also reported Monday that the foundation stone will be laid next month for Abha's SR100 million resort city. It will be completed in four years, supervised by

four international firms.

The project will cover 25 square kilometers. It has gardens, tourist hotels and other public services.

The Ministry of Agriculture has begun work on a similar project in the area, worth SR90 million, according to *Al-Medina*.

Qasim manhunt traps slayer

JEDDAH, Nov. 12 — A killer has been arrested after a four-day manhunt by Qasim Police. He confessed to killing a relative by shooting him in the head.

The man, Masood Mishal Al-Harbadi shot Naser Barjis-Al-Harbadi on the Unaizah to Badia road near Basamiya, Heset

his car alight and escaped to Qasim, a nearby village. *Al-Medina* said Monday.

Passers-by saw the fire, and found the body near the car. The police found that the man had been shot several times in the head. After the search and arrest, Masood confessed his crime to the Sharia court in Buraidah.

Referees Committee, said that if the argument was over Rivelino's behavior in the controversial match with Al-Qadisiya, then it was the responsibility of the referee of the match.

Sudairi said everybody was waiting for good news from the meeting of the Saudi Football Federation. He called on Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, the president of Youth Welfare, to put an end to rumors of action.

In a statement to *Ashrq Al-Awsat*, Abdul Rahman Al-Daham, the chairman of the Main

Referees Committee, said that if the argument was over Rivelino's behavior in the controversial match with Al-Qadisiya, then it was the responsibility of the referee of the match.

The referee, Abdullah Al-Baser, gave Rivelino the yellow card.

Daham added that the committee has no authority to punish the player, halting rumors about possible disciplinary action by the committee.

He went on that Rivelino's being banned depends on the decision of the Saudi Football Federation over Hilal's debts to the International Football Federation. FIFA has complained to the federation because of Hilal's failure to pay the remaining money owed Rivelino's former club for his purchase.

The Saudi federation has warned Hilal that it will stop Rivelino if it does not pay.

Rivelino has been attacked bitterly by certain local newspapers. In a strong article last week, Said Al-Hijazi said in *Al-Medina* that "we have wasted a lot of money on this player just to see his antics and play-acting."

Referring to Hilal's match against Qadisiya of Dammam at Malaz Stadium last month, he asked the federation to act "with its usual firmness to stamp out provocations and preserve order."

Saudi Comment

By Adnan Kamel Saleh
Al-Medina

Protection of the Saudi Arabian contractor is necessary. Despite legislation to help the Saudi Arabian contractor, very few Saudis can land medium and big government contracts or profit from such legislation.

The flaw is at the level of junior officials, bid evaluation committees and foreign consulting firms.

We have to admit that the Saudi Arabian contractor cannot possibly compete with Korean entrepreneurs in pricing. The Korean is supported by his government with very cheap labor, abundant material and large banking facilities which he can count upon when progress payments don't come in time, common in the business.

The Saudi Arabian contractor has to depend on imported labor. Though highly qualified, they cost a lot. Such foreign labor, even when from Egypt, Pakistan, Korea or even the Philippines, costs the Saudi Arabian entrepreneur much more than the workers hired by the Korean contractor cost him.

It is for those reasons that the price offered by the Saudi Arabian contractor is no match for that offered by his Korean counterpart.

That is as far as prices are concerned. As for the technical aspect, many Saudi Arabian contracting firms are systematically not allowed to pre-qualify for medium and large construction projects on grounds of being technically deficient. However, such technical deficiency would be remedied simply if the foreign consultancy firms were called upon to help Saudi Arabian firms make up for any deficiency by identifying it and recommending the proper and practical treatment instead of merely saying such firm pre-qualifies and such firm does not pre-qualify.

This is not asking too much. No less a firm than Arameco decided that its interest, despite its being a foreign firm lay in training Saudi contractors, merchants and farmers in the Eastern Province. So it backed a number of Saudi businessmen who became great stars, not only in the Eastern Province but throughout Saudi Arabia.

It is regrettable that scores of national firms are competing for state projects of SR1 million to SR10 million or accepting sub-contracting contracts from foreign firms in a desperate attempt to hold their own. It is regrettable that such firms do not profit from the construction boom.

By Rashed Al-Hamdan
Al-Jazeerah

According to reports, Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Education has made commendable progress in fighting illiteracy. Although the ministry makes extensive efforts, I believe there are also some other ways of combating this ill, as the mere eradication of illiteracy cannot achieve the high objective of making people understand values and events and what mankind is called upon to do in his environment.

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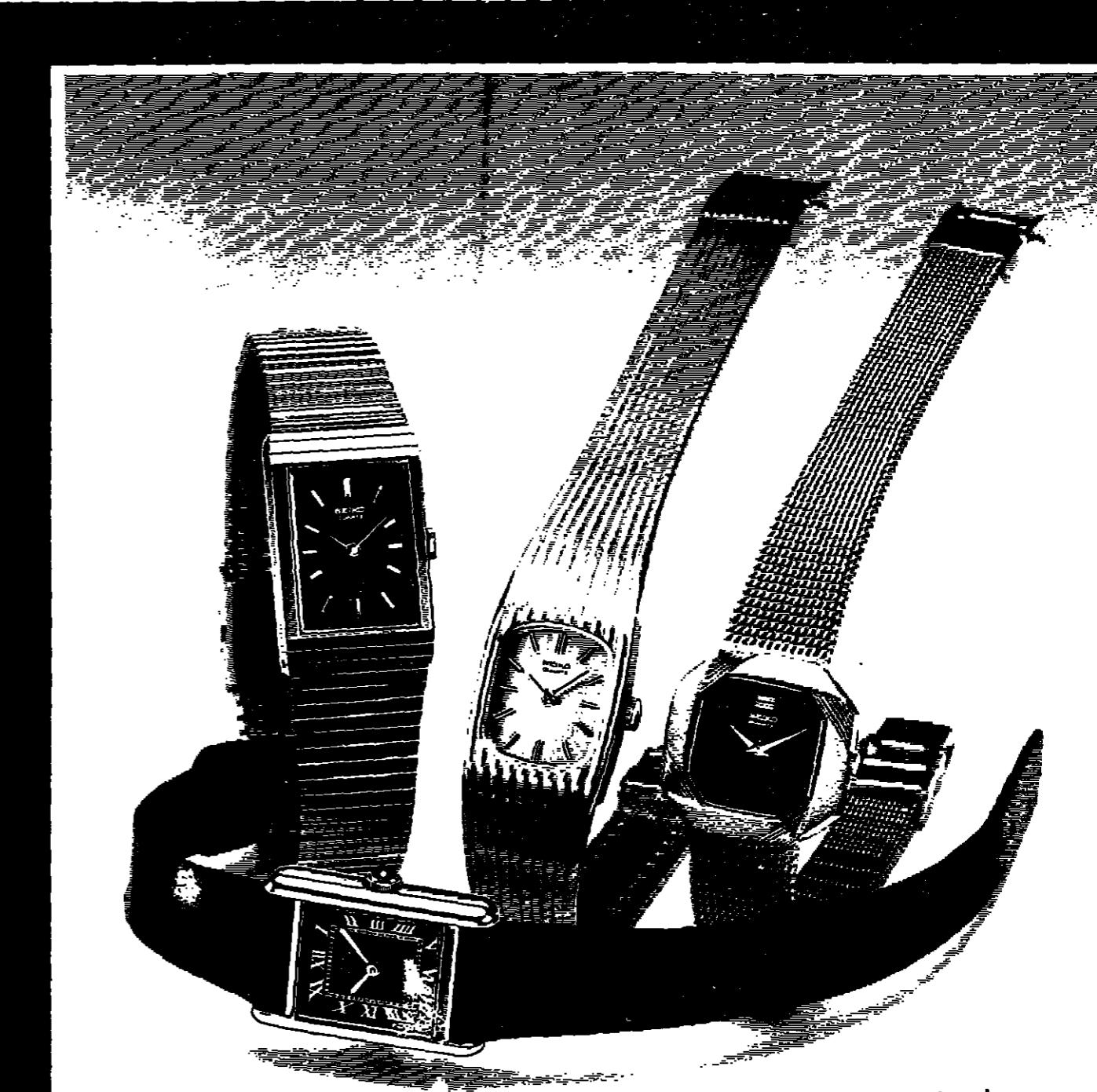
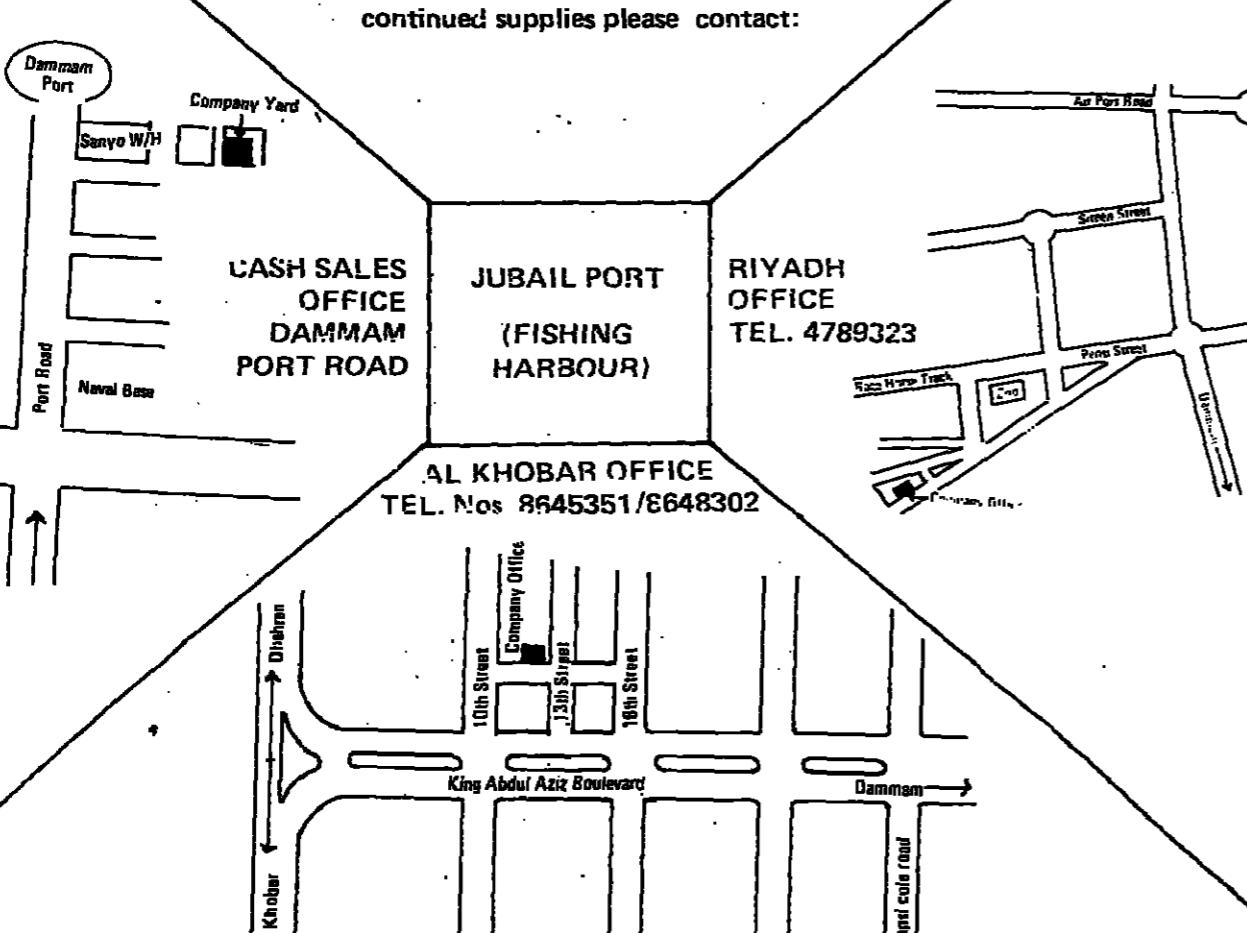
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But new offensive launched

Iran-Kurd accord reportedly reached

BELGRADE, Nov. 12 (Agencies) — Representatives of the Iranian government and the Kurdish minority reached agreement on ending the rebellion in Kurdistan and will present the formula Monday to Ayatollah Khomeini, it was reported here.

Yugoslavia's news agency Tanjug quoted the English-language *Tehran Times* for the report.

According to Tanjug, the Tehran paper said the agreement was reached Sunday night between a government goodwill delegation and officials of the Kurdish Democratic Party.

Though details of the agreement have not been officially announced, Tanjug quoted the *Tehran Times* as saying the Kurds will obtain "regional statute" and the right to educate their children in the Kurdish language.

The revolutionary guards, police and gendarmerie in Kurdish provinces will be composed of those who speak Kurdish and the revolutionary guard which is now stationed in Kurdistan will be recalled," the paper reportedly said.

Tanjug said all Kurdish leaders have accepted the agreement except for Ezodin Hoseini, who objected to two of the eight points. It did not say which points were in dispute.

New offensive

In Tehran meanwhile, the official news agency Pars said Monday that Kurdish rebels have launched a new offensive on a number of towns in Kurdistan.

An announcement from the Islamic Revolutionary Guard headquarters in Kermanshah, quoted by the agency, said a large number of people had been killed or wounded and that the attack was continuing.

"An all-out attack on the towns of Sanandaj, Javanrud, Noushad and Saqqez began last night and was continuing today," the announcement said.

"A large number of people have been martyred or wounded," it added.

At Arab summit

Arafat to demand use of oil

ABU DHABI, Nov. 12 (Agencies) — Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), was quoted Sunday as saying he would submit proposals at the Arab summit later this month on the use of oil as a political weapon.

"I am sure that the Arab oil states are always with us and share our aspirations regarding Palestine," Arafat told the Abu Dhabi newspaper *Al-Fajr*.

He said the use of oil as a weapon was a legitimate right.

Arafat again denounced the Camp David agreements on peace between Israel and Egypt and said the United States should renounce them.

The PLO leader was also quoted as expressing hopes for a dialogue with Britain, which he



DEMONSTRATORS: A group of about 25 demonstrators, mostly Americans, gathered outside the Federal Courthouse in Denver, Colorado Saturday to call for the extradition of the Shah of Iran. There were no incidents.

Iraq: Reminders of glorious past still linger

BAGHDAD, Nov. 12 (R) — You can stay at the Ali Baba Hotel, have lunch at the Aladin Restaurant, and while the night away at the 1,001 Nights Club, drinking Sheherazade beer.

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Glorious past

Baghdad is full of reminders of the glorious past reflected in the glittering tales which took Sheherazade 1,001 nights to tell to King Shahryar.

The Baghdad of 1,001 Nights was the capital of the Abbasid Empire which stretched from Egypt to Persia. The city was the focus of a wide trading network and the most splendid metropolis of its time, famed for its gardens, mosques and palaces.

Glory

Baghdad reached the height of its glory under Caliph Haroun Al-Rashid, a ruler of the eighth century who helped his capital acquire a reputation as a city devoted to pleasure.

"This is the famous city of Baghdad, the home of sweetness," one visitor exclaims on arrival here.

"She lies beyond the assault of winter, sleeping in the shade of roses in an eternal spring, with flowers and gardens, and the murmur of many streams."

In summer, Baghdad is a daytime monochrome of brown brick and dust. High temperatures make it one of the hottest capitals on earth.

The chilly rains of winter cover even main streets with slush carried there from unpaved side-roads.

Today's nightlife is dominated by European performers of a calibre hardly likely to have inspired Haroun Al-Rashid's poet friend, Abu Nawas, to compose one of the love poems which spread the fame of Abu Nawas to all corners of the Arab world.

Baghdad cinemas, including the large establishments off Abu Nawas Street, currently offer such unexotic fare as "Silver Saddle," set in the American West, "Mean Johnny Barrows" of the same genre, or "Seven From Heaven" from Hollywood.

Along Saadoun Street, the main thoroughfare in the city center, the lifting strains of Arab music from record shops mingle with the hard rock of Rod Stewart and the Rolling Stones.

But, history-conscious residents say, there are indeed traditions which have survived the 11 centuries between Haroun Al-Rashid and today's oil-oriented Baghdad of building sites for new luxury hotels of the Sheraton and Meridian chains.

Surprise visits

The Caliph made a habit of paying surprise visits to his subjects, often in disguise, and meting out instant justice when he discovered evil-doers. "Off with his head," was a familiar cry in the days of the Abbasides.

Since he became president in July, Iraq's present ruler, 42-year-old Saddam Hussein, has developed a habit of paying unexpected calls on hospitals, schools, and factories.

Doctors have been dismissed on the spot for being late, nurses the president

found efficient received instant promotion.

The Caliph Haroun Al-Rashid, history books say, used to dip into the state coffers to give presents to citizens who pleased him.

Color TV

Hussein's visits to villages in the countryside often result in gifts of color television sets to the villagers. In the Suleimaniyah area alone, the Baghdad Observer newspaper reported, 11,774 citizens have so far received color TV sets from the president.

In a recent speech at a mass rally at the town of Balad, Hussein himself drew a parallel between Iraq today and the glorious past.

Iraqis, he said, had lived through difficult times and foreign rule "from the end of the strong Abbasid state, with Baghdad as the capital" to the revolution which brought the Baath Party to power years ago.

Cynical Iraqis say that the Baghdad of the Baath Party and the capital of Haroun Al-Rashid differ in a number of aspects including the frequency of executions.

Judging from the tales of 1,001 Nights, hangings and beheadings were routine under the Caliph. Wrong-doers here still face capital punishment, but it is not meted out nearly as often as in the old days.

In August, 21 alleged conspirators against the Iraqi leaders were shot to death by firing squad, with Baath Party leaders watching the proceedings.

Approved by president

28-man cabinet named by Suleyman Demirel

ANKARA, Nov. 12 (AP) — Turkish President Fahri Koruturk Monday approved a minority government cabinet list submitted by Premier Suleyman Demirel.

The new government is entirely made up of parliament members from his conservative Justice Party, Demirel said after a two-hour meeting with Koruturk.

He said the number of portfolios in the government had been reduced to 28 from the previous 35 in the government of former Premier Bulent Ecevit.

Demirel wanted as his foreign minister a veteran politician Hayrettin Erkman, senator from Giresun province on the Black Sea coast. Erkman served as trade minister in the 50s in a government

ment of former Premier Adnan Menderes, who was hanged following his downfall in a 1960 military coup.

The defense ministry went to Ahmet Ihsan Birinci, a senator from Trabzon. Birinci had served in a previous Demirel government as minister of customs.

Ismet Sezgin, an economist and former minister of sports, became finance minister.

Demirel formed his minority government with the outside backing of two rightist parties, the National Movement Party and Muslim fundamentalist National Salvation Party, and splinter groups. In the 450-seat ruling assembly the government commands a majority of 227.

Koruturk named Demirel to form a new government when Ecevit resigned following his party's massive defeat in mid-term elections held Oct. 14.

After the announcement of his cabinet Demirel pointed out that the nation had grave problems which demanded solutions, mainly a severe economic crisis and bloody political terrorism.

In an appeal to the nation he said he needed "trust and patience" to succeed.

"I am not promising magic. I only hope that we can solve the nation's problems in a reasonable amount of time."

E. German leader starts four-day visit to Ethiopia

NAIROBI, Nov. 12 (R) — East German leader Erich Honecker began a four-day official visit to Ethiopia Monday, Addis Ababa Radio said.

It is his first visit to the Horn of Africa country whose rulers have received considerable military and other aid from East Germany.

Honecker is expected to sign a long-term cooperation agreement similar to one already signed by Ethiopia and the Soviet Union.

The Radio reported that Zimbabwe Rhodesian guerrilla leader Robert Mugabe also visited Ethiopia and had talks with head of state Mengistu Haile Mariam.



Suleyman Demirel

The first meeting of the new council of ministers was scheduled for later Monday, he said.

Aden minister lauds treaty with Soviets

BEIRUT, Nov. 12 (AP) — The 20-year treaty of friendship and cooperation between South Yemen and the Soviet Union designed to "establish freedom, progress and stability" in the Gu

Monday as saying.

"In essence, the treaty is a

expression of the development

ties between the Soviet Commu

nist Party and the Yemeni Social

Party," Musleh, told the Beir

newspaper *As Safir* in an inter

view. "We do not care less wh

the enemies say (about the trea

The Soviets are the real allies

of the Yemeni people and of all th

Arabs."

The treaty was signed in Mo

caw last month.

Musleh indicated that his

regime will continue its host

ility to support Oman.

"We condemn all regimes th

have deviated from Arab unam

ity in order to support the host

policy of (Egyptian Preside

Anwar) Sadat, and that goes

Sultan Qabus of Oman ac

others," Musleh said.

He said his country will co

ntinue to support the Popular F

or the Liberation of Oman, wh

seeks to overthrow Qabus.

Musleh also said that effor

ts were underway to improve rel

tions with Iraq, strained since i

January when an Iraqi Commu

advocate was assassinated in

Aden.

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In AFC race
Oilers still game behind Pittsburgh

NEW YORK, Nov. 12 (AP) — So much for the sophomore jinx. Earl Campbell, who broke into the National Football League last season by winning the rushing championship with 1,455 yards, pared past the 1,000-yard mark Sunday and has five weeks left in which to top his rookie total.

Campbell ran 32 times for 107 yards and Dan Pastorini combined with Ken Burrough on Touchdown bombs of 55 and 35 yards as Houston ripped Oakland 31-17.

Their victory kept the Oilers one game behind Pittsburgh in the American Conference Central ace. The Steelers routed Kansas City 30-3 as Terry Bradshaw hurled three touchdown passes and Matt Bah kicked three field goals.

Cleveland slipped to third place

Central Zone hits 227 for 6

JAIPUR, India, Nov. 12 (R) — The Indian Central Zone reached 227 for six at tea here Monday in reply to Pakistan's first innings total of 303 for four declared.

The Pakistani bowlers struggled hard on a bald and slow wicket but were rewarded with four wickets after lunch.

The Zone's highest scorer was skipper Parhsarthy Sharma, who has played in five tests for India. He made 71 in 155 minutes of 136 deliveries, hitting 10 boundaries.

Sharma and Anil Bhanot, who scored 58 in 248 minutes, added 10 runs for the third wicket and provided the foundation for the Central Zone's total.

Although Bhanot batted slowly and without much enterprise, his contribution proved important, for middle-order batsmen Anil Deshpande and Sanjeev Rao were out after making only one run each.

European football results

LONDON, Nov. 12 (R) — This weekend's European football scores:

	MSV Duisburg	Schmitz 04	1. FC Cologne	2	Portugal	Portugal	Portugal	Portugal
FC Utrecht	2	Willem II	Tilburg	2	Varzim	2	Benfica	0
AZ'67 Alkmaar	0	Feyenoord	Amsterdam	0	Estoril	0	Porto	0
Haarlem	1	Roda JC	Kerkdijk	3	Belenenses	1	Rio Ave	0
Vitesse Arnhem	1	Twente Enschede	3	U.S. de				
Go Ahead				Leiria	1	Beira Mar	1	
Eagles Deventer	0	PEC Zwolle	0	Nancy	0	Borussia	5	Portimonense
V.A.C. Vlaardingen	1	NEC Nijmegen	1	Nice	0	Explano	2	Braga
Excelsior		PSV Eindhoven		Bordeaux	1	Guimaraes	1	Maritimo do Funchal
Rotterdam	0	MVV Maastricht	0	Brest	1		1	
Sparta				Lille	1			
Rotterdam	2	The Hague	2	Sociedad	1			
West Germany				Lyons	4			
Borussia Moenchengladbach	1	Munich 1860	1	Laval	4			
Bayer Leverkusen	1	VFB Stuttgart	3	Marseille	2			
Eintracht				Nantes	2			
Brunswick	3	VFL Bochum	0	Monaco	3			
FC				Villeneuve	0			
Kaiserslautern	0	Eintracht		At. Etienne	0			
Hamburger SV	4	Borussia	1	Austria	1			
Bayern Munich	3	Dortmund	0	Wien	0			
Berlin	0	Bayer Uerdingen	0	FC	0			
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ATTACK: Britain's Maurice Hope (right) attacks American challenger Mike Baker during his successful defense of his world light-middleweight title in London recently.

To reach Stockholm final

McEnroe rallies to down Fibak

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 12 (AP) — John McEnroe came from way down in the second set to beat Wojtek Fibak of Poland 6-4, 7-5 Sunday, reaching his second straight singles final in the Stockholm Open tennis championships.

The 20-year-old U.S. Open champion will play Gene Mayer in the all-American showdown for the top prize. Brian Gottfried gave up the other semi-final against Mayer because of a back injury in the second set. Mayer had won the first set 6-1.

Cameroon team makes African football final

YAOUNDE, Nov. 12 (R) — Cameroon soccer club Union of Douala beat Zaire's Imana Kinshasa 1-0 here Sunday night to reach the final of the African Champions' Cup.

The Cameroonian side won the home-and-away semifinal 3-1 on aggregate, having beaten Imana 2-1 in the first leg in Kinshasa.

Fibak, the only non-American to reach the quarter-finals in the tournament, led 4-1 and was a break point up when the top-seeded McEnroe started his comeback in the second set.

"I lost my concentration early in the second set," McEnroe said. "But I was never worried. I figured I could break him sooner or later."

McEnroe capitalized on an easy

mistake by Fibak on the crucial break point to go to deuce. McEnroe eventually held for 3-4 and then scored the service break he counted on in the next game. He sewed up the match with another break in the eleventh game.

A strong return of serve is the key to beat a man like McEnroe on a fast surface. And the players

agree that the Royal Hull, site of the annual Grand Prix tournament here, has one of the fastest courts in the world.

Fibak showed flashes of that

serve return as he upset McEnroe's doubles partner Peter Fleming in the quarters Saturday. But they did not come often against McEnroe, who is probably the best fast-court player in the game today.

In the first set, McEnroe posted four service games to love and it took Fibak almost 20 minutes before he won his first point against the American's serve.

"His serve is not powerful, but precise and has a lot of spin. It takes time to get used to it," said Fibak, whose first point eventually led to his first service break.

Lakers' fastbreaks run rings around Cleveland Cavaliers

NEW YORK, Nov. 12 (AP) — When he was the center of attention at UCLA in the 1960s, Lew Alcindor was the trigger for one of the best fastbreaks in the college game.

The name has changed — it is now Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, but the style is the same.

Abdul-Jabbar is the big gun on the Los Angeles Lakers these days, as everyone knows, and still has that fastbreak in high gear. Like Sunday night, when the Lakers defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers 140-126 in the National Basketball Association and improved their record in the Pacific Division to 11-4.

"We're committed to the fastbreak this season," said the Lakers' interim coach, Paul Westhead, "and we're running and passing and scoring."

About Abdul-Jabbar:

"The more I see him, the more I appreciate his unselfishness."

Jamal Wilkes scored 25 points to lead Los Angeles' balanced attack.

In other NBA action, Phoenix defeated Denver 116-91 and Portland trimmed Kansas City 112-109.

Maurice Lucas scored a season-high 22 points, 18 in the second half, and Bob Grout added 21 to power Portland over Kansas City.

Standings:

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	12	3	.800	—
Boston	10	5	.676	4 1/2
New York	7	7	.500	4 1/2
Washington	4	10	.286	6
New Jersey	4	10	.286	7 1/2
Central Division				
Atlanta	11	5	.688	—



Englishman Briars goes to Dutch squash quarters

EDEN, Netherlands, Nov. 12 (R) — Young British professional Gwynn Briars reached the quarter-finals of the World Series Squash tournament here Sunday.

The organizers refuse to pay Briars now needs world Number Three Hidetaka Ishii of Japan to play.

Briars, a late replacement for former British Number One Jonah Barrington, was due to play Sweden-based Egyptian professional Sayed Ali Aziz in the first round.

But the Egyptian refused to face him, claiming first reserve Briars had no right to be in the 16-player semi-finals.

World number two an Utopia seen.

Quan Zuman of Pakistan, who thrashed Barrington in the final of the World Masters in London on Friday, outclassed Abbas Khan of Egypt 9-4, 10-8, 9-5.

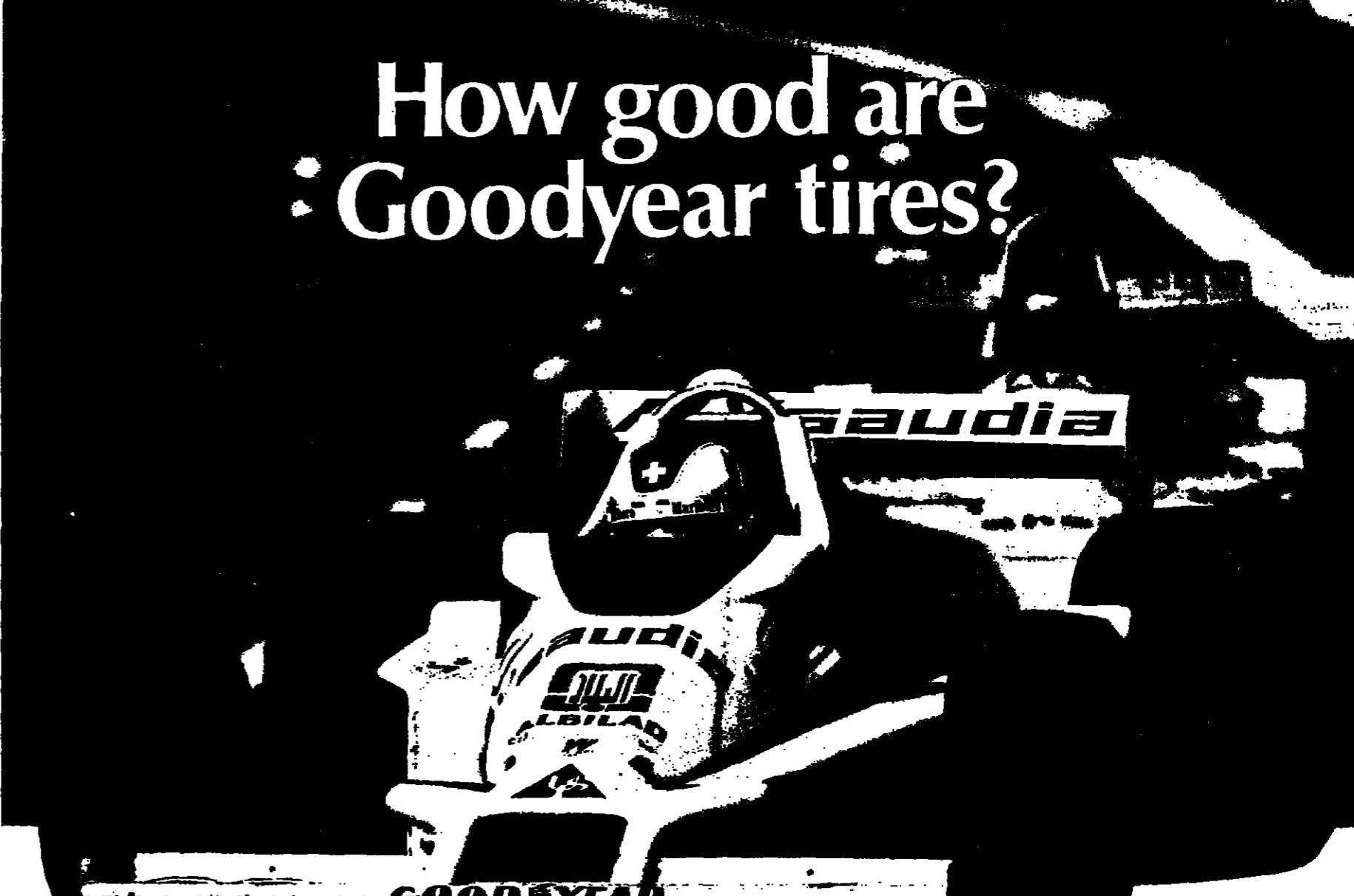
Wins Asian tourney

Iran takes wrestling title

NEW DELHI, Nov. 12 (R) — Iran won the first Asian Wrestling Championships Sunday at the northern Indian town of Jammu with a haul of four gold, one silver, two silver and three bronze for a total of 40 points.

Japan was second bagging five gold and two silver for 38 points.

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THE MAYORS' TURN

The Palestinians have been doing well recently on the international scene. The Camp David side appears to be still mired in the unending talks over their version of Palestinian "autonomy", while the PLO moves steadily on towards full international recognition.

But the Israelis have been by no means idle. Their attempt at consolidating their hold on the West Bank and Gaza continues and gains in ferocity. Its last phase has been the steps taken against the mayors of the West Bank, to silence one of the most vocal sources of opposition to the Israeli annexationist designs.

The background to this latest phase lies in the failure of the Camp David side to find a Palestinian leadership alternative to the PLO, whose participation would lend some credibility to the "autonomy" plan agreed in the Camp David agreement. The failure surprised no one but the Camp David side, since Begin had already given our his understanding of the proposed autonomy as involving the people and not the land. He was already implementing that view when the settlement-building program was stepped up.

The united opposition to the Israeli-Egyptian version of autonomy found in the West Bank mayors a firm and articulate leadership, whose voice became increasingly listened to throughout the world. Israel could not tolerate this, and the destruction of this last vestige of official Palestinian representation in the West Bank became its primary object.

The first attempt to do this came when the Israelis declared their intention of holding no more mayoral elections in the area. The "autonomy" elections, due to be held next May, they argued, rendered them obsolete. This attempt soon founded.

The Israeli authorities then had no resort but to good old-fashioned political (and judicial) blackmail. Since the mayors could not be intimidated, two of their members, mayor Karim Khalaf of Ramallah and Ibrahim al-Tawil of Birzeit, were charged with assaulting members of the Israeli security forces. The intention is then to obtain a court order to expel them from the West Bank.

Yesterday, another mayor, Bassam Al-Shakaa of Nablus, was arrested and charged with giving newspaper interviews in which he supported Palestinian commando operations against Israel. The intention is to expel him too.

But the indications from the West Bank are that the Israeli plan will not go unopposed. The people of the West Bank are in their rejection of the Camp David formula, which has long been recognized by them as no more than a screen behind which the same, age-old Israeli designs against them are being advanced.

The headache of Mexico City's many millions

By William Chislett

MEXICO CITY — Planners have a word for Mexico City — macrocephaly, a medical condition in which the head is too large for the body.

Four million people live in the capital, a fifth of the population. By the year 2000, the number will be around 32 million, making it the largest city in the world.

Last month, after years of dallying, the Government finally produced a plan to defuse the capital's explosive population growth rate of 5.6 per cent a year.

Basically, it will consist of taking jobs to the people, to stop them swarming into Mexico City in search of work.

"Mexico City is the most absurd thing that ever happened," says President Jose Lopez Portillo.

Hank Gonzalez, the Mayor, explains: "Twenty years ago we never thought we would reach such a monstrously high population. We have seven capitals superimposed on Mexico City. It's the political, financial, industrial, commercial, educational, cultural and even the religious capital."

Uncontrolled growth is to blame, and it is frightening testimony to what happens when industrialization takes place haphazardly.

Mexico City's population has increased sevenfold since 1940, when it was a mere two million. Since then Lake Texcoco, which supplied the Aztecs with endless fresh water, has dried up, and is now a source of dust storms that send people spluttering into doorways.

The smog is so bad that on many days the city appears to be enveloped in fog. As a result respiratory diseases are common.

The rich are not affected by most of these problems because they live in the hills, away from the constant drone of traffic, the repeated honking of horns and the oppressive atmosphere.

The poor live in "lost cities," including one, Nezahualcoyotl, known as the "sleeping giant," where over two million people cram into shacks and other makeshift dwellings, and barefoot, ragged children, some with hunger-swollen stomachs, play amid the most awful squalor.

One of the keys to creating order in Mexico City is public transport. There are two million cars in the capital but the average occupancy rate is only 1.3 people. If cars are not to bring traffic to a halt, far more people will have to use buses and the Metro (under ground railway system).

Last year the Metro carried 659 million passengers in 755 carriages, compared to London's Underground, which carried 546 million passengers in 4,434 carriages. It's a rough ride in Mexico.

To get even more into the Metro, the existing three lines will be expanded to 18 by the year 2010, so that 33 per cent of the city's traffic load will use the Metro compared to the present 11 per cent.

A start has already been made on improving the flow of traffic by completing the first 15 of a planned 34 cross-city one-way routes.

And in September the president planted the 15 millionth tree in a proposed green belt of 120 million trees which will suck carbon dioxide from the city's fume-filled atmosphere. Mexico will always have a "big head" but the hope is that it will become less of a headache. — (OFNS)



The curse of inflation is centuries old

By William Guttmann

LONDON — The curse of rising prices and depreciating money is almost as old as money itself.

In the Western world the familiar association of inflation with printing money galore is not older than a couple of centuries, though China, where they invented paper money, suffered disastrously from inflation due to indiscriminate issue of paper currency as early as the eleventh century. But the method of depreciating money by simply reducing the content of precious metals in the coinage was already practised in ancient Rome.

When Emperor Diocletian came to power in AD 284 he found the empire in the throes of inflation caused by his predecessors, who had flooded the country with debased coins. He tried to stabilize the currency by issuing new gold and silver coins.

But the new coins, hoarded by speculators, disappeared. Back came the old, debased ones and, with them, more inflation. (This is an early example of "Gresham's Law" — that bad money drives out good — so-called because it has been wrongly attributed to Sir Thomas Gresham (1519-79), who founded the Royal Exchange.) Diocletian also tried

to fix incomes and wages — the first essay in an incomes policy in history. It failed and, after he abdicated, was abandoned.

In the 1500s Spain's conquests in the Americas were followed by the influx of vast quantities of gold and silver. The impact of this big increase in purchasing power drove up prices by hundreds of per cent. Cheap goods were imported and national industry stagnated. The consequences for Spain were disastrous economically and, ultimately, politically.

Around 1720 we encounter the first paper money inflation, in France. It was caused by financial manipulations by John Law, a Scotsman who enjoyed royal patronage. The manipulations were based on shares in a company set up to exploit France's overseas possessions, and triggered off a wave of frantic speculation in the shares. Speculators made great fortunes and rushed to invest their paper profits in "inflation hedges" — land, gold, jewellery — driving prices sky-high.

Again, after the Revolution, the French government issued bonds — assignats — which, as they multiplied, assumed the role of actual money. By 1975 their value had sunk to less than 1/500 of the gold franc.

Since then inflation has been endemic in the world. The proud dollar is depreciating, at the moment, at a rate of 13 per cent, not much less than Britain's inflation of about 16 per cent. Even the West Germans, who, after their dire experiences, would make any sacrifice to avoid inflation, have seen their currency depreciate at the — for them — alarming rate of 5 per cent. — (OFNS)

The 'club' in Shanghai shows how China is changing

By The Observer

SHANGHAI —

"We expect to start drilling for oil in the Yellow Sea by 1981." The speaker is Les Roberts, head of a British Petroleum team based in Shanghai. He is sitting on the verandah of "the club," an exquisite English-style country house in its own grounds seven miles from the center of Shanghai.

It has been the house used by leading members of the Communist Party, including Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai, since "liberation" in 1949; Nixon stayed there during his visit in 1972. Now it is occupied by the staff of the BP and the French oil company Elf. Nothing could better symbolise the return of foreign capital to Shanghai than two of Europe's major oil companies living in the city's finest property.

"The club," as the locals call it, was built in 1926 by a British banker, Sir David Sassoon, in the style common to the south of England, which was his home. It is set in a beautiful Chinese garden, with small lakes, pagodas and trimmed cypress trees, as well as a large nursery garden.

He sold it in 1947 to a Chinese businessman who turned it into a country club, adding a golf course that is now the municipal zoo. BP and Elf leased it at a high rent early this year as the headquarters for their first year of surveying 50,000 square kilometers of sea off the Shanghai coast.

Numerous foreign and overseas Chinese com-

panies are now doing feasibility studies in Shanghai, the city that offers the best facilities for an exporter in China; it is the most industrialized facilities for an exporter in China; it is the most industrialized city, as the biggest port, the most sophisticated work force and some of the country's best universities.

Four new countries are expected to open consultancies there in the next six months, in addition to Japan and Poland there now; these will be the United States and probably Yugoslavia, Romania and another European country. The housing is re-zoning the city, for commercial, industrial and residential use, and blocks to house the new foreigners are being built.

One foreign institution that has been through all this before is the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. Before liberation, its operations in Shanghai far overshadowed its business in Hong Kong, and it built an enormous domed pile on the Bund, the Shanghai waterfront.

It is now the home of the Municipal Revolutionary Committee and negotiations over compensation took 16 years.

The bank's representative is Oliver Barnham, and he says he wholeheartedly recommends foreign investors to come to Shanghai.

"Political stability is the most important factor. We feel that China is stable, nobody wants a return to the extremist politics of the past. Every sign is that China is now well on its way to economic recovery."

He points to the fact that the Bank of China is now involved from the beginning in evaluating new projects; a year ago it was the passive paymaster following government decisions that were sometimes politically desirable but economically undesirable.

"Peking now sends out groups of economists to Shanghai and elsewhere to evaluate factories and close them down if necessary." A large island in the Yangtze River estuary, just north of the city, is under consideration as a tax-free export zone, similar to those in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Shannon in Ireland, and Shunghun in southern China next to Hong Kong.

China published an outline of its foreign venture law in July and has promised a full commercial code before the end of the year. In September it announced the setting up of a corporation with the specific function of encouraging foreign investment.

In May this year, it returned \$12,000 to a Shanghai ex-industrialist who had the money, compensation for his former factory, taken away in the Cultural Revolution.

This and other similar moves are aimed at winning back the confidence of overseas Chinese, the most likely foreign investors who make up 80 per cent of those doing feasibility studies in Shanghai.

Many of them, who in the past came to retire in China, lost their money and some their lives in the Cultural Revolution.

These problems will have to be dealt with satisfactorily before China can outbid the other developing countries also after foreign capital. If they can, then Shanghai will be in the vanguard of China's modernization and "the club" and its lovely gardens may again be host of the rich and famous of many nations.

saudi press review





Most buildings still stand, pockmarked and empty

Beirut

Is it safe?

By Gabriel Franks

BEIRUT — Is Beirut safe? Nowhere and nothing is safe and some quarters are as safe as any city.

Yet, there is no escaping the anarchy. "If you go down this street, stay on the right-hand side. There is a sniper covering the left."

I came overland by service from Damascus. The cars leave for Lebanon every 15 minutes from 3:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the three-hour journey is pleasant and cheap. Border formalities are minimal. Taxi drivers have a way of smoothing things.

Once across the border into Lebanon, the scenery changes radically. Though Damascus is justly famous for its luxurious gardens most of the rest of the Syrian countryside up to the frontier is mountainous desert. Suddenly it is farmland, rich in row-crops and orchards. It is still mountainous but flowing with milk and honey.

The sizable Lebanese population of my native Texas is a prosperous group of thrifty and hard-working merchants. Was it the superior talent of the people that made Lebanon bloom or had France, when it created Lebanon in the twenties by slicing off most of the coastline of Syria, taken only the finest and the best?

At first there is little evidence of war. But the closer one gets to the city, the more ravaged is the land. It is not like the cities of Germany after the war, razed by the bombs.

Most of the buildings still stand, pockmarked and empty. Many rows of buildings, seemingly intact, are shells, the walls between blasted away by fighters making headway without stepping out into the street.

On the car radio is news of war. A booby-trapped car has exploded in the suburbs of Beirut, an attempt on the life of a leader of one of the feuding factions. He escaped injury, but a number of people are dead.

The roads bristle with heavily armed green-bereted troops of the Arab Deterrent Force, mostly Syrian. Beyond a crossing that swarms with soldiers is the peaceful part of Beirut, the familiar beautiful shops, the hotels, banks, bumper-to-bumper traffic, the people.

A desk clerk at my old haunt has a brother in Jeddah and remembers me. Room rates have soared.

At Rue Harrara's Way-In Bookstore I ask for a guidebook of the city but there is only an expensive guide to all Lebanon. I want to see the Archeological Museum so I buy it anyway. The book says the museum is open but back at the hotel my clerk shakes his head. "We've had a war here you know."

No matter. There is still the Greek Catholic and Greek Orthodox Cathedrals. It is Sunday and I look forward to indulging my fancy for oriental liturgies.

As I walk toward them, map in hand, the crowds thin until there are only a few harried figures who rush by, eyes on the sidewalk. I ask

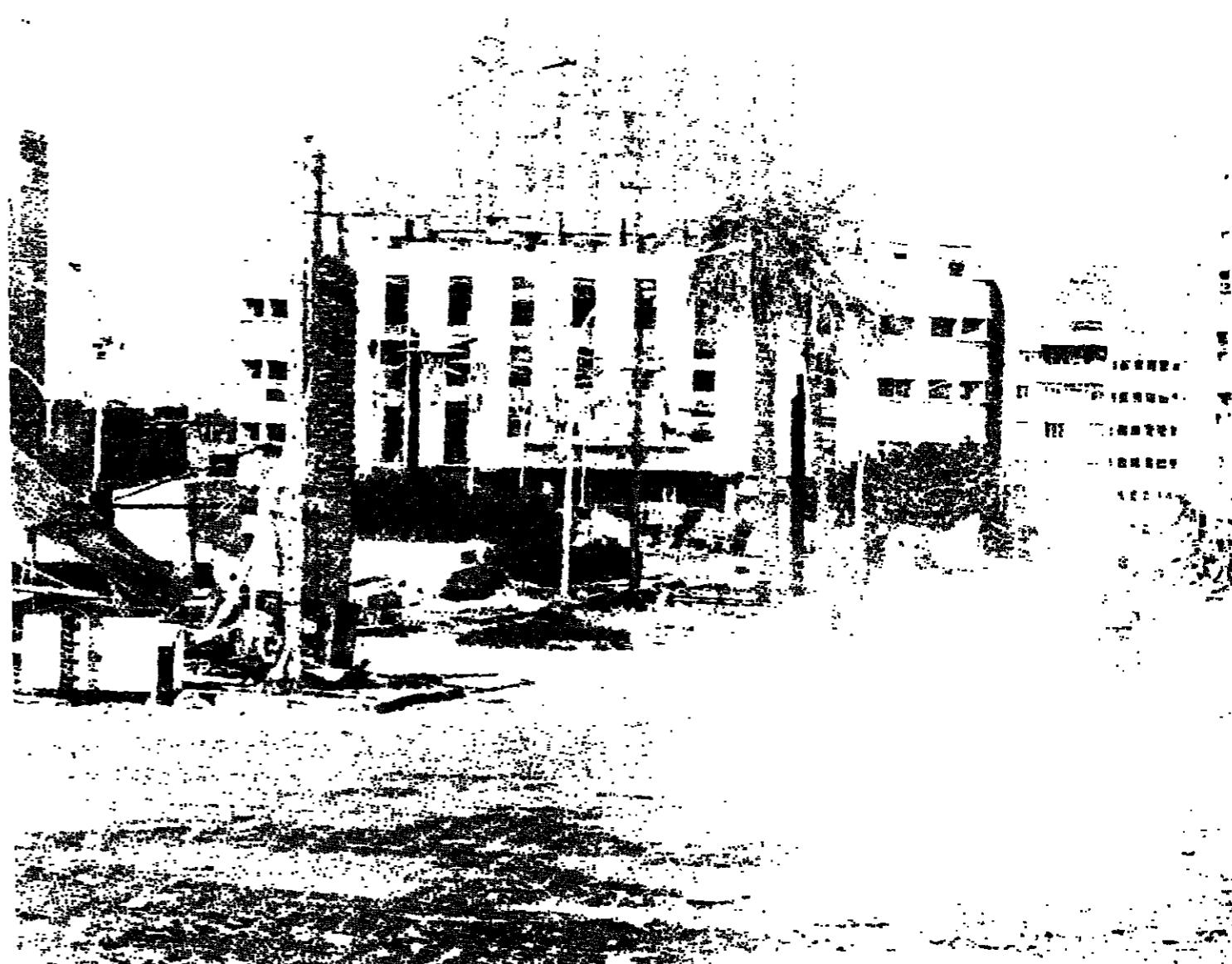
some anxious faces where the churches are. They don't know. I consult the book. Suq Sursock, it says. "Suq Sursock?" I ask. "Nothing but soldiers there."

"Well, then, how about the Great Mosque?" "Very dangerous, Khalas." "The Mosque of the Seraglio?" "Finished." "The Parliament?" "No." "The Place de l'Etoile?" "Same." "The Place des Canons?" "No." "The Central Post Office?" "Only soldiers."

Despondent, I return to my hotel. I make friends with another American. Tall, bearded, young, he is a sometime student, journalist and PR man for the PLO. He describes the wide swath cutting through the city from the port to the museum which is a no-man's land between government-controlled East Beirut and the West. The PLO has promised to take him to the refugee camps but he hasn't seen them yet. Soon.

I visit the American University of Beirut, a ray of hope. "When did you reopen?" "We never closed." I walk the length of the palm-studded Corniche with its crowds of strollers in the sun. They all seem to be heading for the cinemas, three shows a day at 3:30, 6:30 and 9:30 in English with Arabic and French subtitles. I wander in. Goldie Hawn in "Foul Play," Vanessa Redgrave in "Agatha," George Kennedy in "The Human Factor."

All Beirut loves the cinema.



The crowds thin, until there are only a few harried figures who rush by, eyes on the sidewalk.

Lebanon's flora

The land still lives

By Rosalind Ingrams

ADH — In spite of Lebanon's tragic war, the exquisiteness of its countryside has changed. *Wild Flowers of Lebanon*, by Dr. Moustapha Nehme (published in 1978) is an able reminder of the richness of its flora, of its streams and sins that form their habitat. 33 color photographs are included.

The book was commissioned by the National Council for Scientific Research, connected with the Lebanese University. The author, a botanist by training but has only become a botanist by choice.

every flower is shown. The author says that his aim is to provide a reference book for the amateur rather than the scholar. Sent, there exist monuments of learning on the flora of the Levant, but nothing of a similar nature. He has chosen "the most beautiful flowers as well as some trees, shrubs and ferns."

Nehme gives, as an additional reason for his work, his concern that many of the plants are on the verge of extinction through picking, for example, the wild red lily, *Lilium Candidum*. He makes an urgent plea for protection of wild flowers in Lebanon.

In spring, the country is decked with wild cyclamen, narcissi, hyacinths, anemones, scillas, orchids and such flowering trees as the Judas. The flowers are slight with blossoms, the flowers are so ubiquitous, that the country people regard them as weeds. The tiny blue lily, *Ixiolirion cam* (no. 42), highly prized cultivation in the West, is dug up by the farmers of the Beqaa Valley.

The next entry, (no. 43), reveals the habitat of *Pancratium maritimum*, which is that delicate lily grown in many gardens. It opens in the evening, fills the air with its heavenly scent which lasts only for a day. In its final state it grows close to the shore, and is so seductive that insects cluster to drink its nectar. It is known as the Sea Dahlia.

For each entry, every one of which is illustrated, Dr. Nehme gives first the correct botanical description, then the period of flowering, the habitat, distribution, something of the history and uses of the plant. Almost all are known and described in detail, chiefly for their medicinal uses. The *Materia Medica of Herodotus* contains accounts of hundred plants. Early on, this work was translated into Arabic and was widely known. The pre-local uses of the plants probably represent an ancient tradition of herbal medicine.

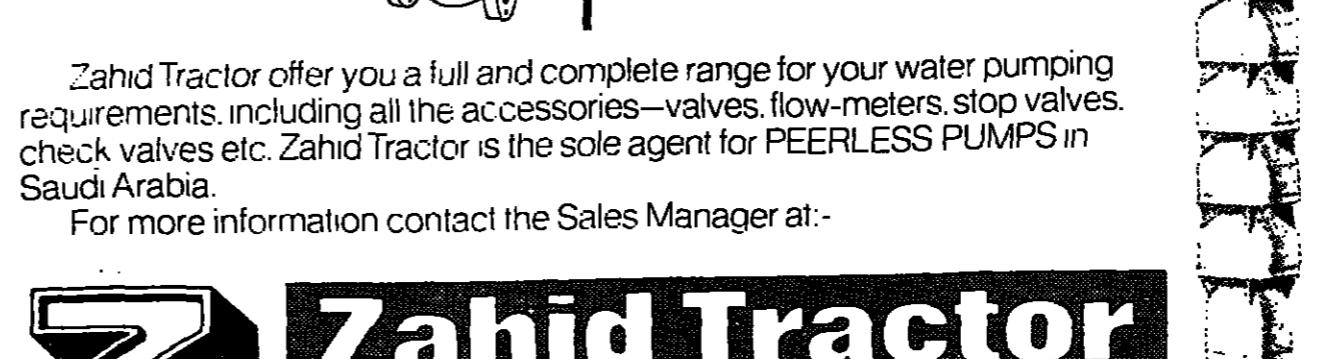
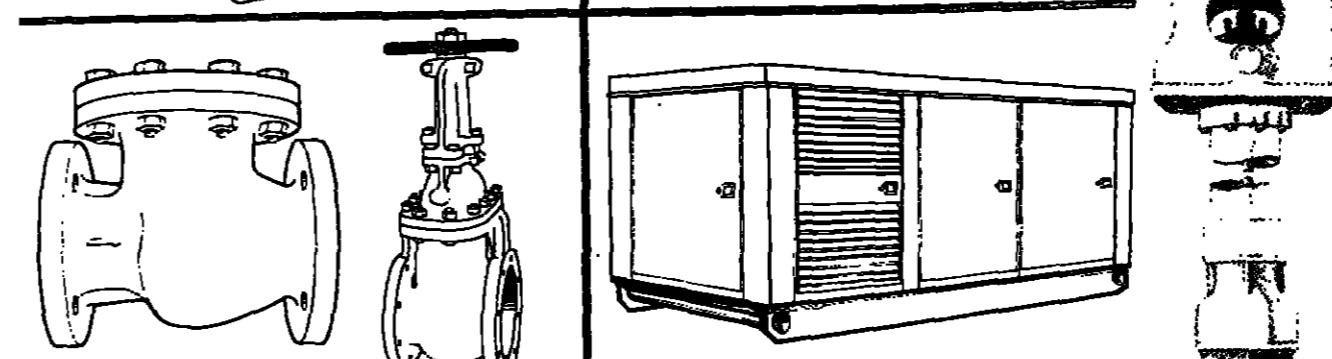
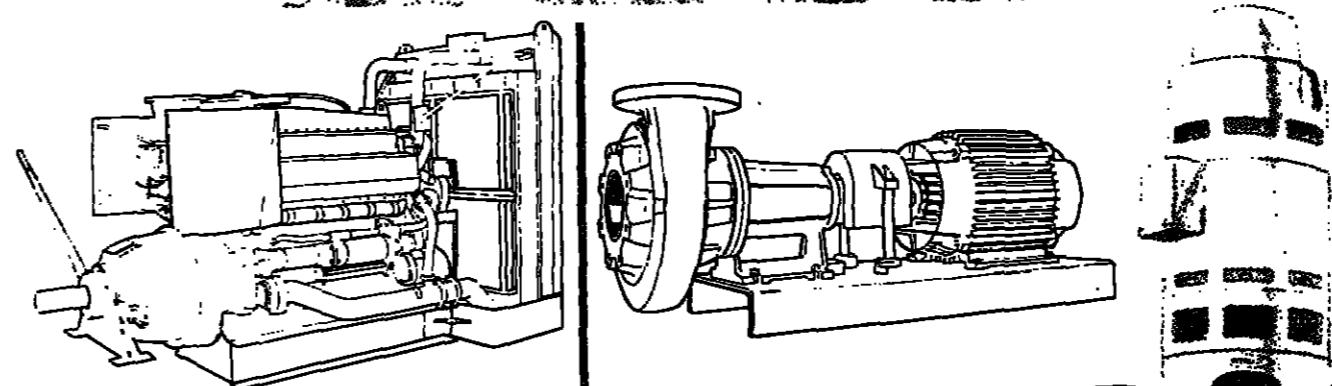
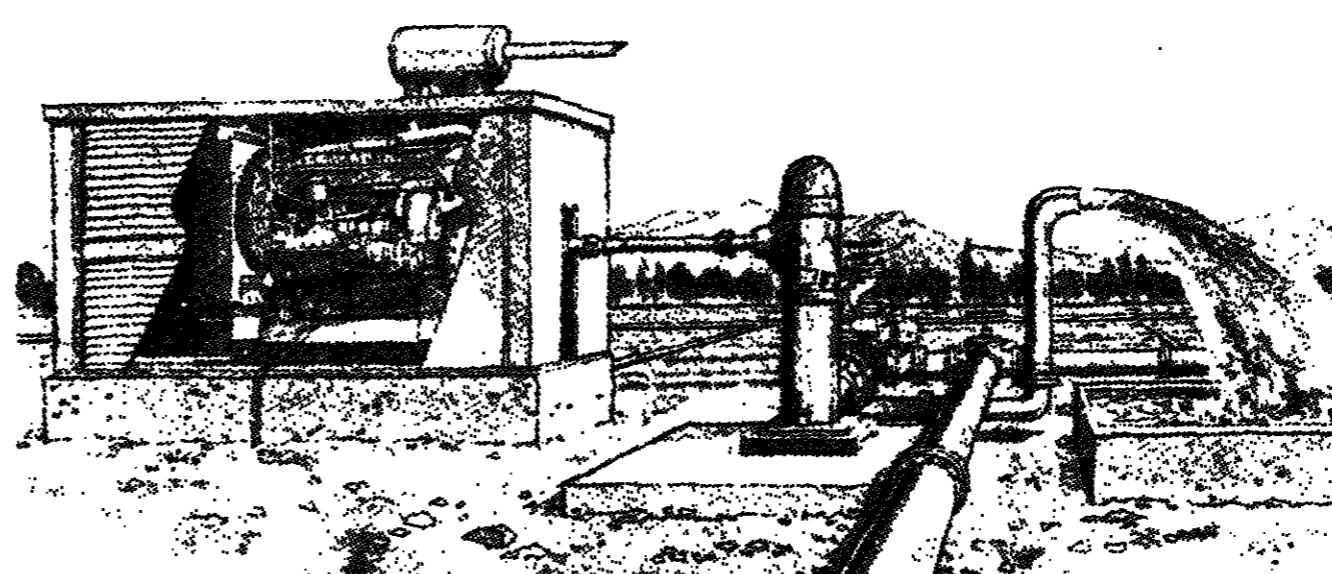
Wherever possible, Dr. Nehme gives the Arabic name of the plant as well as the colloquial one. He learns many curious facts, such as that the Mastic tree (no. 120) used the world with chewing before the American product was planted it some fifty years ago.

Dr. Nehme also relates plants known in modern times to those mentioned in the Bible and Koran and mythology by vague or poetic names such as "balm". One story omits the familiar tale of Akhinos, the beautiful youth loved of Apollo who was struck



The Pyramid Orchid, from Dr. Moustapha Nehme's *Wildflowers of Lebanon*, a collection of exquisite color photographs of the country's flora, published in 1978. The book also includes valuable information on the habitat and history of each plant.

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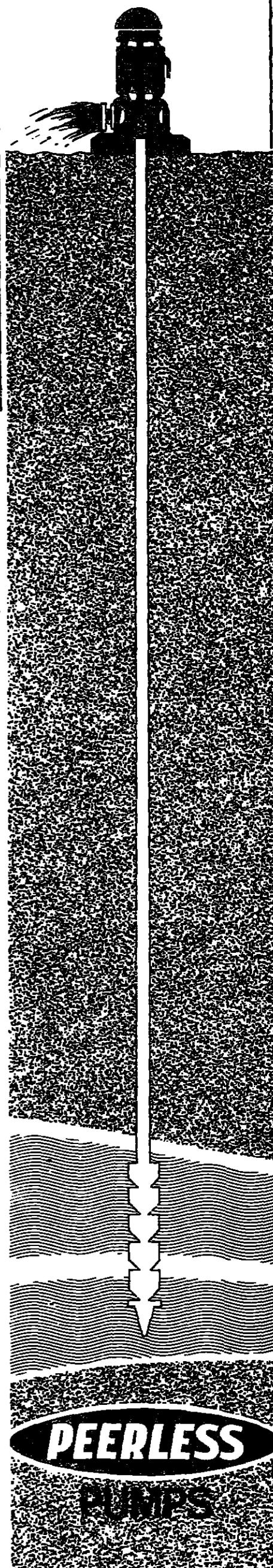
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Accuses Singh of inciting mob

Mrs. Gandhi escapes campaign rally raid

NEW DELHI, Nov. 12 (AP) — Former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was unharmed but several aides suffered head injuries when a mob attacked her car during a Sunday campaign trip, the United News of India reported.

The attack near Saharsa, 400 kilometers northwest of Calcutta, was "pre-planned" by leaders of caretaker Prime Minister Charan Singh's ruling political party, Jagannath Mishra, a Gandhi party aide who was injured, told reporters.

Singh and Mrs. Gandhi, who are arch-rivals, have started campaign

tours in preparation for the January national election. Parliament was dissolved for after the breakup last summer of the Janata Party, which won the 1977 election in a landslide over Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party.

About 100 hostile demonstrators twice charged Mrs. Gandhi's car with stones and bricks, smashing its windshield, during a well-attended campaign rally at the town of Madhepura, in Bihar state, Mishra told UNI. He said Mrs. Gandhi, 61, was quickly escorted to safety but he, her bodyguard and another political

worker required first-aid treatment for head wounds.

A dozen others suffered minor injuries, Mishra said.

Police intervened only after the second attack, Mishra said. He charged that when Singh recently toured this area the caretaker prime minister "openly directed his followers to resort to violence which indicates he has become desperate and frustrated."

There was no direct comment from Singh, who meanwhile was reported heckled and booted at three Sunday campaign rallies in Madhya Pradesh state.

Inclusion of internal parties sought

Namibia talks start without South Africa delegation

GENEVA, Nov. 12 (agencies) — Talks on the future of Namibia opened in Geneva Monday without representatives of South Africa, which administers the territory.

A United Nations spokesman said a South African delegation was expected later.

But Pretoria Sunday said it found it "impossible" to attend the talks unless local leaders in the

territory were invited.

U.N. senior officials headed by Brian Urquhart, undersecretary general for political affairs, began four-days of discussions on Namibia's transition to independence by meeting representatives of five Western nations that have been involved in negotiations with South Africa on the issue.

Urquhart and his team were scheduled to meet Monday after-

noon representatives of five "front-line" African states, and with the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO).

Asked about South Africa's participation in the consultations, the spokesman said, "We have no news about the arrival of South African representatives, but they are expected to come."

The South African position was set out Sunday in a letter from Foreign Minister Roelof Botha to United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

The South Africans have insisted that internal political parties in Namibia be given equal standing in any negotiations on the territory's future with (SWAPO).

In a surprise move last week, Waldheim called a new parley on Namibia's future and set it for Nov. 12.

Ohio boarding house fire kills 14

PIONEER, Ohio Nov. 12 (AP) — A fire believed started by a 4-year-old boy has gutted a home for elderly and mentally retarded people here, killing at least 14 persons and leaving two missing, officials say.

Two widows were among a 10-member honor guard that led the march from downtown Greensboro to Maplewood cemetery. The march proceeded through the rain-slick streets without any major incidents, but police arrested several persons, including a few who were armed.

The marchers carried huge banners proclaiming, "The whole world is watching, avenge the CWP 5." Some carried huge red, black and yellow banners saying, "Death to the Klan and the capitalist class."

Mayor Bruce Kidston said Sunday the victims, mostly in their 60s, were all badly burned.

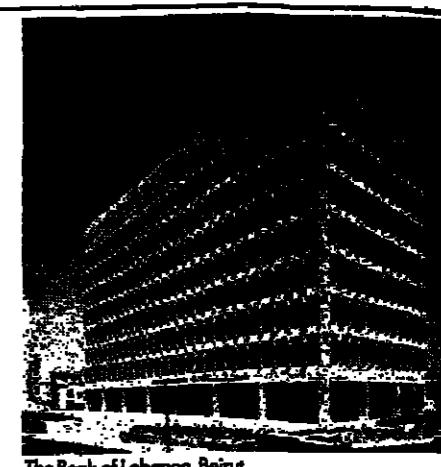
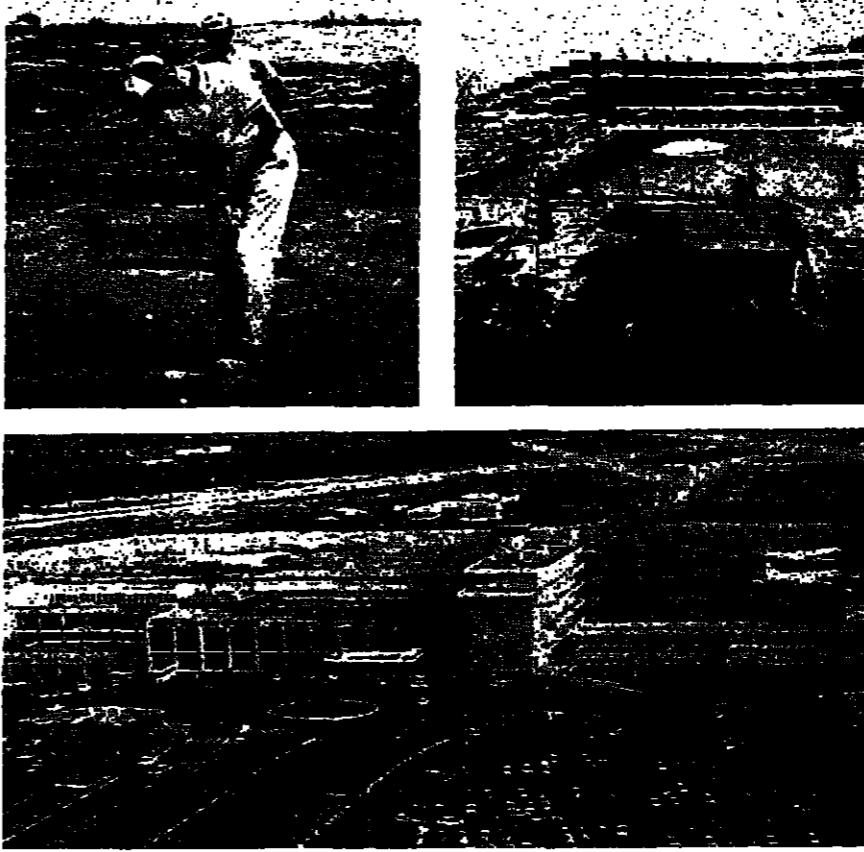
Police chief David Norris said 13 of the dead were from the approximately 23, many of them mentally retarded who lived in the boarding home.

Norris said the boy, who was not identified, was one of three children who lived with their mother in a separate apartment in the boarding home.



Indira Gandhi

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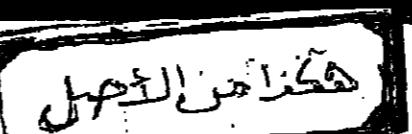
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oon, there will be a road...

Abdul Rahman of Bahia Hall

By James Buchan
and John Close

Forty miles north of Bahia, the road begins in a shower of rain, laden's road, which at Taif turns eastward through broad dips and hostile scrub, abandons its curve and returns to the arment.

The thorn trees and cold campes of Wadi Arida disappear low a headland; stone terraces and stone watchtowers announce

Across the frontier, Jebel Souda near Abha is celebrated enough at 10,279 feet: Prince Sultan is building a pleasurehouse nearby. Northward again, and clearly visible from the road, is an elevation of 10,340 feet, a danger to pilots, one U.S. agency warns. This nameless hill can, and should, be climbed from the stations of Dahwa or An Nimas.

The land of the Ghawat and the Zahrani cannot offer such Leviathans. Mr. Leach and Herr

Khawajat, curves seductively over the soft sandhills. It is beautiful in spring when mothers of bedouin women can be seen harvesting hay or at the Pilgrimage, when trains of camels plod uncomplainingly toward Mina and the Kaaba.

Europeans, barred from seeing the Holy City, have the consolation that they are at least going the pretty way. The tiny airline advertisements along the road entice the foreigner away from the sanctum sanctorum, just over the black

melancholy that is the curse of baboons and men, alone of the primates.

Taif, too, is a sad place. The Brothers broke it as a child breaks a next-door neighbor's toy; it has not worked properly since.

The wadis that feed Turabah beyond Taif are fine enough but the traveller to the south has mighty Bisha, Tathlith and Najran before him, as well as countless smaller wadis, wolf-prowled, shrike-infested.

It is at Bahia that the promise of the Khatt Al-Khawajat and the baboons is fulfilled.

The town is as ugly as any in the Kingdom, a blotted village with transmission and feeder lines chasing each other up and down hills, great grey blockhouses for the Baba burghers and Yemenis noisily bodge tire repairs on the roadside.

But in the west, the east-facing slopes are cloaked with enticing green. At the end of the causeway that leads into Bahia, turn sharply right onto a bridge and cross the little wadi where taxis and pick-ups go to die. Turn right again at the end of the bridge and keep left for about four miles, as the road snakes among brightly colored farmhouses, and you will arrive at the green, the famous, juniper groves of Raghdan.

The place is a favorite picnic spot. The view is without compare as the scarp plummets down to its first Tibama, the bed of Wadi Sud Arrash. Townies park their shooting brakes in little clearings and family disport themselves modestly behind sapling screens. The thin air is heavy with the scent of burning juniper and (can it be?) mutton boiling.

Farther up the slope, the juniper groves are less popular and more dwarfish. To camp there is to feel like Gulliver or, at moments, like his captors in the undergrowth of a world suddenly writ large.

It is cold, always. At its two great festivals, the Muslim calendar provides a comforting moon and Orion soon comes storming up over Bahia. Wild dogs glide in and out of pools of moonlight but they make no more sound than the wraiths that haunt forgotten campsites.

The engineers of Taiwan Power have built a road over the saddle to bring the blessing of electricity to Gurra, a hamlet of jumbled houses and winter wheatfields, arranged and painted with an instinctive flair unknown in the plains. Beyond, the road moves smoothly down to the heat of the Tibama.

We selected, instead, a tiny path along a ridge to the south, steep and arduous and ill-frequented as the road to Paradise — or, at least, to what looked like a terraced village half-a-day's walk away.

The little trail beetles for almost a day above Arrash, for it is very easy to lose and harder to find again. It climbs up and down between junipers and solid mountain ash, olive trees, wild figs and azalea-like shrubs. Hoopoes, crag martins and wheatears fit in and out of the shade; buzzards stalk the thermals. The rain has brought out small pinks and a neat violet, as well as large numbers of rather depressing millipedes.

As it turns out, the village is not a village but the plantation of that Hatem of the Bilad Zahrani, Abdul Rahman Al-Zahrani and his father and his brothers, and his cousins, and his uncles. Established for two generations on their cliff, the family has grown to village proportions. Despite the thick walls of the messuage, the



That Hatem of the Bilad Zahrani



Massive pillars of juniper

noise of 120 sheep and lambs, two cows, two donkeys, three dogs, women, "about 13 to 15 children," chickens and crows, might have been heard in Bahia. The air is heavy with the scent of growing things like the fertilized fields of Amish farms in a Lancaster County spring.

After 10 years of driving trucks in Jeddah, Riyadh and for Aramco, Abdul Rahman has come home. He drives a bulldozer content awhile with kandishun

the leather belts that suspend the jambiyas from the roof-tree.

On the morrow, Abdul Rahman takes us beyond a ruined watchtower to the highest point in Zahrani country. He points to the tower, now razed. None has been built since Faisal's expedition in 1934. "When news came of the enemy all the family would go into the hush. If they attacked the farm or the ghanam, the menfolk would fall on them from behind. If they

"King Khaled," he says, "proposes of nothing in particular."

He is happy for his lambs, but sad for his visitors, that above the wheeling buzzards there is no eagle.

Suddenly the lambs and the fieldglasses are clues to the second voice. As he steps out to silhouette himself against the crags and clear sky, someone else, someone also of a land of sheep and hills, is almost visible.



"The men would climb to the top and shoot from the slits with their bandungs and kill them all!"

for the Ministry of Communications in Bahia. Conveniently, he is now bulldozing a motor road to his mountain retreat.

Enсоndеd in his mufraj, with sacrifice meat and a Beretta shotgun dangling from the juniper root-tree, Abdul Rahman Al-Zahrani has no time for those who think it is rather nice as it is. "I think you would change your view if you had to take your ghanam along the path to Bahia, your winter wheat and sorghum, plums, tomatoes, olive oil, asparagus — all that we

min ullah.

The room is curious. The roof-tree is supported by two massive pillars, made from whole juniper trunks, stained and intricately worked with horizontal bands of rosettes and vine leaves. Before the high ceiling, they branch out into bulbous capitals like inverted women's shoulders. The doors and windows have similar carvings.

Do they have this work in Bahia? "They prefer concrete and stone, there which is more solid and does not rot." It is Zahrani work, like

attacked the hush, the men would climb to the top and shoot from the slits with their bandungs and kill them all."

He seems to be speaking with two voices; the one's identity obvious, the other's fleeting.

Clear is the voice of the Saudi Press Agency stringer, regular and detailed: there is the hospital with its 360 beds; there is the power house and its SR500 million; there

is the path that an Englishman mapped down the scarp to take the Tibama Descent from Bahia.

"Here is Arrash," he says with sweep of his arm, "with Mikhwah beyond in the distance. That high hill to the west is Shadda, with orange trees and bananas. That white spot to the south is Bilgirsh and the end of our country and the beginning of the Bilad Ghadm."

And we know it at last. It is the voice of the Laird of Loughinter.

"Can you see Wadi Dugha to the west and the wadi that runs down toward it from our lower terraces?"

It is Wadi Sud Abdul Rahman



The trail, with Bahia in the distance



An instinctive flair, unknown in the plains

rosperous but timorous villages. To the right of the road, the scarp falls precipitously into the Tibama, loses 4,000 feet in a mile, then recovers magnificently in an almost sheer pre-Cambrian wall, a wafer of rock, before dropping town again to the next wadi. A few miles to the west, the scene is repeated until the whole jumble of rock and wadi is lost in the gloaming.

The mountains block out Qunudha and the sea and yet nothing is achieved above 8,500 feet.

Between Sanaa and Manakha in Yemen, the tiny shrine of Nabi Shuaib peers heavenward from 11,880 feet. Mr. Leach has climbed the mountain's difficult north-western face in five hours. Hett von Daum in six.

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the people of the Zahrani, though they claim no special favor, are more gentle than the men of those regions.

Leaving Jeddah, the road that bypasses Mecca, the Khatt Al-

match with four or five dozen shrieking baboons. Such intra-specific warfare would have intrigued the great Lorenz. Or coming at nightfall, they may see the pack perched in utter silence, watching the light vanish in that

crags, with rusty visions of his own world—Rome, Athens, New York.

At the scarp below Hada, the Westerner may fall into a peiting

ceile

von Datim would scarcely tarry here. Yet, these hills are worth hurrying on to from Jeddah for they are as handsome as anything between Tigre and the Elburz and

Gold prices rise

Dollar reaches high against Japanese yen

LONDON, Nov. 12 (Agencies) — The U.S. dollar closed at a two-year high against the Japanese yen in Tokyo Monday and then opened mixed in early trading on European foreign exchanges.

Gold bullion was up 3 to \$4 an ounce.

In Tokyo, where trading ends just as European markets open, the dollar closed at a two-year high of 247.25 yen, up more than 5 yen from Friday's closing 242.10.

The Bank of Japan, which sold more than \$1 billion last week to stem the yen's slide, Monday sold

OPEC panel meets to set pricing plan

VIENNA, Nov. 12 (R) — Senior officials from oil-exporting nations met Monday to discuss a 1980 pricing strategy for the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

OPEC spokesman Hamid Zaheri said all 13 member governments were represented at the meeting of the OPEC Economic Commission, and that all questions relating to "the economics of oil" would be discussed.

The economic commission, meeting in private at OPEC's Vienna headquarters, will prepare a report for a price-fixing conference of oil ministers, to be held in Caracas Dec. 17.

The oil ministers are expected to announce a rise in OPEC crude oil prices effective Jan. 1, 1980.

between \$250 and \$300 million in stages, dealers said.

Market apprehension over oil supplies following uncertainty over the situation in Iran helped to act against the Japanese currency, dealers added.

Japan, which imports nearly all of its oil needs, buys about 1.3 per cent of its crude from Iran.

A government announcement that Japan's certified exports in October rose 16.7 per cent to \$9.62 billion from a year earlier helped to ease the dollar just before the close.

But foreign banks, which initially sold dollars, later bought them back, helping to force up the American currency.

Just over a year ago, the dollar slipped in Tokyo to a record low of 175.50 yen because of Japan's then large trade surplus.

The international trade and industry ministry said that certified exports, approved by the government and expected to pass customs during the next two months, also rose by five per cent in October from \$9.16 billion in September.

Mid-morning rates in Europe, compared to Friday's late rates:

Frankfurt — 1,7940 West German marks, down from

1,7945.

Zurich — 1,6515 Swiss francs, up from 1,6498.

Paris — 4,2043 French francs, down from 4,2080.

Amsterdam — 1,9945 Dutch guilders, up from 1,9940.

Milan — 830.20 Italian lire, up from 830.00.

In London, the British pound firms to \$2.1005 from 2.0915 Friday.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:00 P.M. Monday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.37	3.38	3.375
Pound Sterling	7.04	7.12	7.10
Deutsche Mark (100)	188.00	189.00	188.10
Swiss F (100)	204.00	205.00	203.00
French F (100)	80.00	80.50	80.50
Italian Lira (10,000)	41.00	41.00	41.00
Lebanese Lira (100)	100.50	100.00	100.00
Syrian Lira (100)	78.00	86.80	86.80
Egyptian Pound	4.55	4.52	4.52
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.10	12.05	12.05
Jordanian Dinar	11.25	11.20	11.20
Emirates Dirham (100)	89.50	89.50	89.50
Qatari Ryal (100)	90.80	90.80	90.80
Bahraini Dinar	8.95	8.95	8.95
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)	9.40	—	—
Yemeni Ryal (100)	75.00	74.15	74.15
Moroccan Dirham (100)	80.00	88.80	88.80
Indian Rupee (100)	—	41.20	41.20
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	34.30	34.30
Gold kg.	42,900.00	—	—
10 Tolas bar	4,990.00	—	—
Silver kg.	—	—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.90	—	14.50
Canadian Dollar	2.84	3.00	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	116.00	112.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	169.00	170.00	170.00
Spanish Peso	50.75	51.50	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	79.00	—	—
Philippines Peso (1,000)	—	46.00	—
Singapore	—	1.57	—

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JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT SHIPS MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS ON

12TH NOVEMBER 1979, 22ND DHUL HIJjah, 1399

Berth	Vessel	Agent	Cargo	Arrival
4.	Barcelona Maru	A.E.T.	Crd. goods/Steel Gen	10.11.79
5.	Dona Katerina	Alpha	Bgd. Barley	5.11.79
6.	Regent Liberty	O.Trade	Sorghum/Timber Gen.	12.11.79
7.	Bordagain	Barber	Pipes/Pwood/Gen.	11.11.79
8.	Charis	Alpha	Bgd. Barley	9.11.79
9.	Reindeer	Star	Durum/Cars	10.11.79
10.	Scrocco	Star	Bananas	10.11.79
11.	Universal	Star	Steel/General	12.11.79
12.	Nedlloyd Wiesbaden	Barber	Froz. Chickens	1.11.79
13.	Atlantic Freezer	O.C.E.	Containers	12.11.79
14.	Eve Harvest	A'salbi	Barley	1.11.79
15.	Ameron	M.T.A.	Barley	7.11.79
16.	Janet Carter	Roko	Asbestos/Wire/Gen.	10.11.79
17.	Condor	Star	Vehicles	11.11.79
18.	Pioneer Racer	Alirez	Telefon/Timber	10.11.79
19.	Al'Mona	O.Trade	Containers	11.11.79
20.	Ville D'Anvers	M.T.A.	Containers	12.11.79
21.	Nedlloyd Rosario	Alas	Containers	12.11.79
22.	Rosario	Refeer General	Refeer	10.11.79
23.	Rio Iguazu	Alpha	Bgd. Barley	10.11.79
24.	Calliope	Alpha	Durum/Cars	8.11.79
25.	Costa	Barber	Maltz/Sorghum	6.11.79
26.	Holy Star	Alwan	Fruit	5.11.79
27.	s'Sernos Sea	O.C.E.	—	—
Ro Ro:		Sarmaco	Cries/Tris/Ro Ro	12.11.79
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Regent Liberty	O.Trade	Sorghum/Timber Gen.	12.11.79	
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Crusader	Deborah	Grain/Gen.	11.11.79	

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SHIP MOVEMENT UPTO THE 0700 HOURS ON

22.11.1399/22.11.1979 — CHANGES PAST 24 HOURS.

1.	Nakopros	Kano	Bulg. Wheat	10.11.79
2.	Muhabakzi	Seebia	General	11.11.79
3.	Tirni	Kano	General	10.11.79
4.	Tasan	Gulf	Gen/Steel	11.11.79
5.	Kota Timur	Gulf	Loading Urns	11.11.79
6.	Green Island	Gulf	General	11.11.79
7.	Kao Cheng	Gulf	General	10.11.79
8.	Is. Tawar	Gulf	General	10.11.79
9.	New Bright	Gossibi	Cent in Bags	4.11.79
10.	Polinplaid.B.I.	Barber	Bulk Cen.	9.11.79
11.	Addiriyah	Kano	Containers	12.11.79
12.	Meiji Maru	Gulf	Steel Bars	11.11.79
13.	Hojin Maru	Barber	Cars	11.11.79
14.	Paara Flag	S.M.C.	Cement Silo VSL	14.11.79



BOAT SHOW: The London harbor acquired the appearance of a fishing village when a boat show was held there this year, scores of fishing boat packed the harbor.

By new minister

Iran urged not to link oil, Shah

BEIRUT, Nov. 12 (R) — Iran's new foreign minister, Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, has been quoted as saying that his country should reserve the oil weapon for more important things than securing the return of the deposed Shah to Tehran.

Bani-Sadr was interviewed in Paris last week shortly before his appointment by the Lebanese weekly news digest, *An Nahar Arab Report and Memo*, before the government of former Premier Mehdi Bazargan resigned. But the magazine said Sunday he spoke as a close economic adviser to Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

Asked if Iran was prepared to stop oil exports to the United

Sadr as saying he believed that Iran should put up its oil prices before the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) meets next month in Caracas.

Iran recently raised the price of its oil to \$23.50 per barrel, the OPEC ceiling price.

He did not say what he considered to be a more important case.

Bani-Sadr was appointed foreign minister Friday. Saturday night he appealed to the American people to support Iranian demands for the extradition of the Shah, a move sought by students who have been holding 100 hostages at the U.S. embassy in Tehran for a week.

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DOHA, Nov. 12 (AP) — Qatar's oil production increased by four per cent and its oil exports by 13.5 per cent in October compared to the previous month, the official Gulf News Agency reported Monday.

months of the year only 3.4 per cent was achieved.

It also criticized engineering ministries for late deliveries of vital equipment and the railways for delays in transport.

"The well-known shortage of oil and coal requires the strictest economy measures," *Pravda* said, emphasizing the need to save fuel in the thermal power stations, which burn half the country's energy.

The editorial followed widespread energy shortages last winter which slowed down the economy and made it virtually impossible to meet this year's targets.

Last year the Kremlin planned for 5.7 per cent industrial growth in 1979, but for the first nine

Bulgaria increases prices

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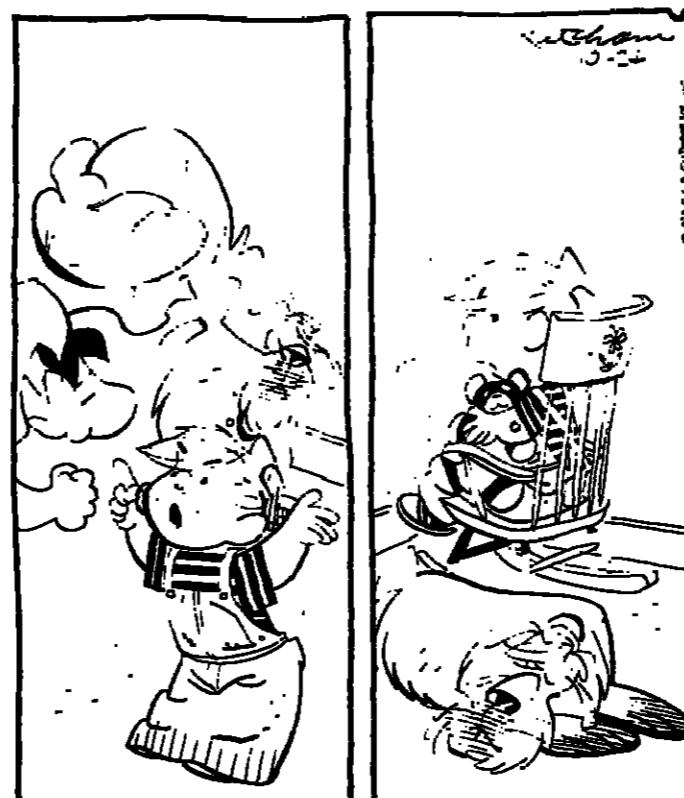
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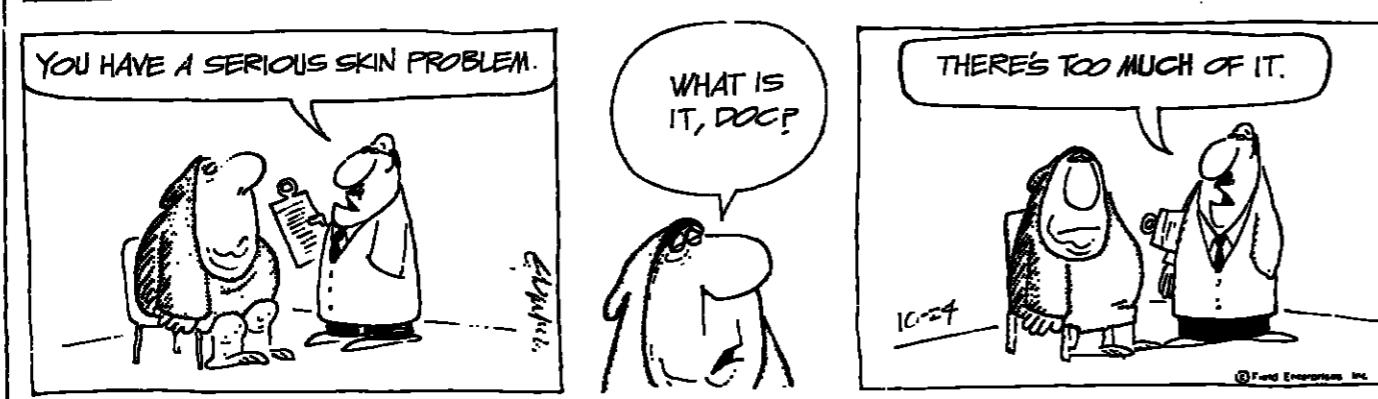
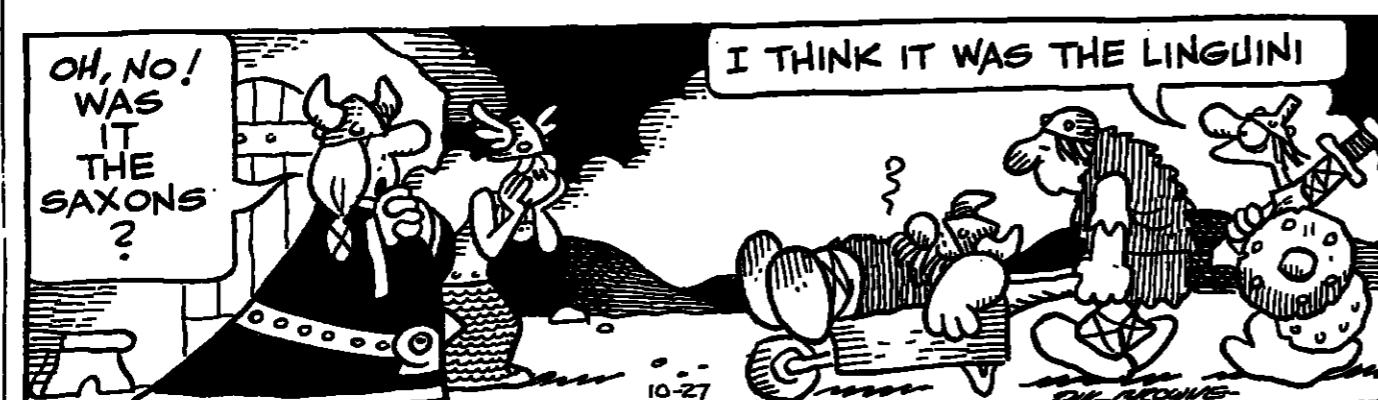
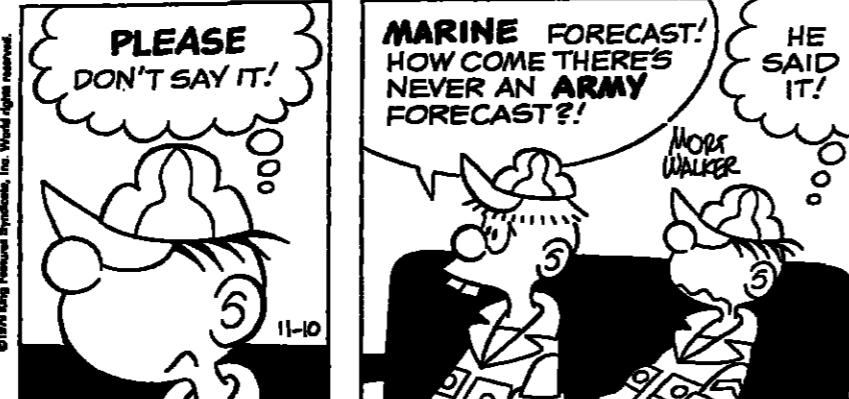
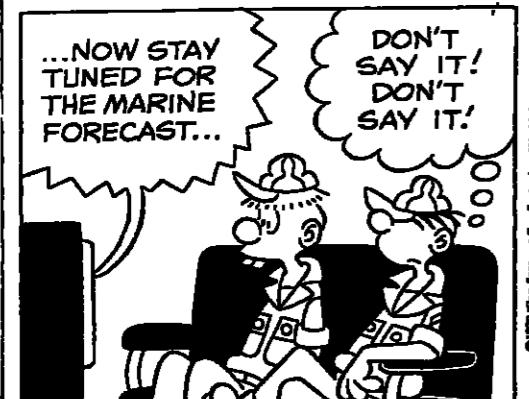
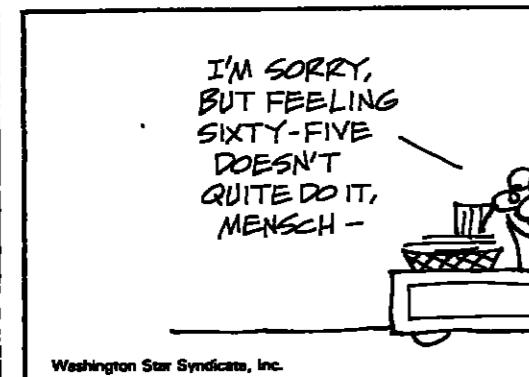
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Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

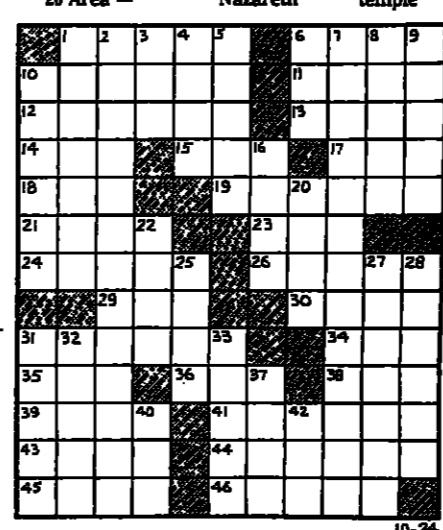
ACROSS

1 Anatoly
2 Karpov's game
6 From a way off
11 master
12 Bread dish
13 Source
14 Table scrap
15 Pulpit topic
17 Suffic.
18 Asian river
19 Slightly chipped
21 Boundary
23 Negative
24 Religious groups
26 Scents
29 Cereal plant
30 Actor Richard -
31 Grow tight
34 Compass reading
36 Baby food
38 Word in many titles
39 Where Sing- aradjia is
41 Victorian "wolf"
43 Portend
44 Anesthetics
45 "Second-hand —"

46 Loved ones
1 An employer of "Angels"
2 Hang around with
3 Greek letter
4 Beer: sl.
5 Juan Carlos' country
6 Swiss river
7 Congregate
8 Soap plant
9 Evaluated
10 Booty
16 Wee lad: Sp.
20 Area —

DOSE CROWD
RACE LAITER
ATTAR ATTIRE
MER CURTAIN
ARDNA'S DINT
DINE RAGE
SETTO PIASER
AMOR SOMA
LIDO TOSSES
ANE HER HAH
MEAGER OCTET
INTERN KEEN
THREE ETRE

Yesterday's Answer
22 Coup d' — 32 Texas
25 Footprint shrine
27 Thick slices
33 Appointed
37 Noggin
40 Suffix
42 Shinto with hero
31 Mount near Nazareth temple



10-24

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXE

is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

ABCD B EBF D GADH IADFD
JK LMFD KBJN IABH PBNNBKL
— G J N N J B L O D H H
Yesterday's Cryptogram: I AM, OUT OF THE LADIES' COMPANY, LIKE A FISH OUT OF THE WATER. — THOMAS SHADWELL

Contract Bridge ♦ B. Jay Becker

Can Anything Go Wrong?

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♦ Q 9 7

♦ A 10 7 6

♦ K 3

♦ K 10 8 4

WEST

♦ J 5 3 2

♦ Q J 9 5 2

—

♦ J 9 7 5

♦ A Q 7 5 4 2

♦ A 6 3

SOUTH

♦ A 8 4

—

♦ A Q 7 5 4 2

The bidding:

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 3 NT Pass
3 ♠

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

A conscientious declarer prepares for the worst even when the contract seems certain! He does not proceed without first asking himself: "What can defeat me?"

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Dammam Drug Store	King's St.	22312
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BOUF	Hajar Drug Store	22236
QATIF	Municipality Circle	22236
Al-Mehanna Drug Store	Al-Madaris St.	51705



Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1979

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)	Luck is with you at work, so long as you are mindful of others' feelings. Be respectful towards co-workers. Partners are supportive.
TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)	Under the influence of a party mood, you may assume too much re a relationship. Be careful of spending and awkward behavior.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)	Play it safe to live up to your expectations, remain positive. Make sure your words reflect your true feelings.
CANCER (June 22 to July 22)	Don't be moody on the job. You're especially sensitive now. Find the half-way point between self-protection and being outgoing.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)	Financial luck is with you, but don't go overboard in spending. Efforts to impress others could backfire. Avoid ostentation and condescension.
LIBRA (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)	Questions of intimacy may arise inappropriately at a social get-together. Unwelcome advances possible. Consult with career advisers.
SCORPIUS (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)	Luck through others now. Show your interest in a close one's ideas. Be responsive. Don't let little things upset you. Be broadminded.
CAPRICORN (Oct. 23 to Jan. 19)	Friends are helpful re career. Check costs of trips. Don't worry about the impression you'll make on a date, be yourself.
ARQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)	Questions of intimacy may arise inappropriately at a social get-together. Unwelcome advances possible. Consult with career advisers.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)	Luck through others now. Show your interest in a close one's ideas. Be responsive. Don't let little things upset you. Be broadminded.

PRAYER TIMES

TUESDAY	Fejr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha'
Mecca	5:14 6:35	12:11	3:23	5:43	7:13	
Medina	5:19 6:39	12:14	3:21	5:40	7:10	
Nejd	4:45 6:07	11:40	2:48	5:07	6:37	

DAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show
5:19 Gr. Sports Legends
5:41 Sandford & Son
6:06 Operations Petticoat
6:30 Orecom Trail
8:01 Havoc
8:26 Whicker's World
9:14 Man in a Suitcase

Electric Co. No. 42
No. 306
Clair Voyant
Pilot
Belgrave Fire
Whicker in India PTI
Which Way did he go
McGill

VOA

News Summary
8:00 News Roundup : Reports : Actualities : Opinion : Analyses
8:30 Dateline
News Summary
9:00 Special English : News : Feature. The Making of a Nation News Summary
9:30 Music USA : (Standards)
10:00 News Roundup : Reports : Actualities Opening : Analyses

10:00 VOA Magazine : America : Science : Cultural : Letter
11:00 Special English : News
11:30 Music USA : (Jazz)

VOA WORLD REPORT
Midnight

12:00 News newsmakers' voices correspondents reports background features media comments news analyses

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TUESDAY

Afternoon Transmission
2:00 Opening
2:01 Holy Quran
2:05 Gems of Guidance
2:10 S.A. Historical Notes
2:20 On Islam
2:30 Music Roundabout
3:00 NEWS
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Music
3:20 World of Machines
3:30 Selection of Music
3:50 Close Down
Evening Transmission
9:00 Opening

9:01 Holy Quran
9:05 Message to the Faithful
9:10 Light Music
9:15 Bill Board Hot 50
9:45 Islamic Contributions
9:55 Music
10:00 Youth Welfare
10:10 Music
10:15 NEWS
10:25 S. Chronicle
10:30 The Evening Show
11:00 Imp., Com. & Recollections
11:10 Music
11:15 In the Quiet
11:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
12:00 Close Down

(French Service)

Morning Transmission

8:00 Ouverture
8:02 Lumière sur le Coran
8:15 Musique
8:30 Bonjour
8:35 Variétés
8:45 Orient et Occident
8:55 Variétés
9:00 Informations
9:10 Lumière sur les informations
9:15 Variétés
9:30 Pensée Islamique
9:45 Musique
9:58 Cloture

7:00 Ouverture
7:02 Versets et Commentaires
7:15 Musique
7:30 Les Royaumes du Maghreb au Moyen Age
7:45 Coup de Chapeau
8:15 Jeunesse et Sport
8:20 Variétés
8:30 Informations
8:40 Revue de Presse
8:45 Musique
8:55 Cloture

BBC

Morning Transmission

4:09 Twenty-Four Hours : News Summary
4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
5:15 Report on Religion
6:00 Radio Newsreel
6:15 Outlook

7:00 World News
7:09 Commentary
7:15 Sherlock Holmes
7:45 World Today

8:00 World News
8:09 Books and Writers
8:30 Take One
8:45 Sports Round-up

9:00 World News
9:09 News about Britain
9:15 Radio Newsreel
9:20 Farming World
10:00 Outlook News Summary
10:39 Stock Market Report
10:43 Look Ahead
10:45 Ulster in Focus

11:00 World News
11:09 Twenty-Four Hours : News Summary
12:15 Talkabout
12:45 Nature Notebook

1:00 World News
1:09 World Today
1:25 Financial News
1:35 Book Choice
1:40 Reflections
1:45 Sports Round-up

2:00 World News
2:09 World Today
2:25 Promotional Concert
3:45 Sports Round-up
4:00 World News

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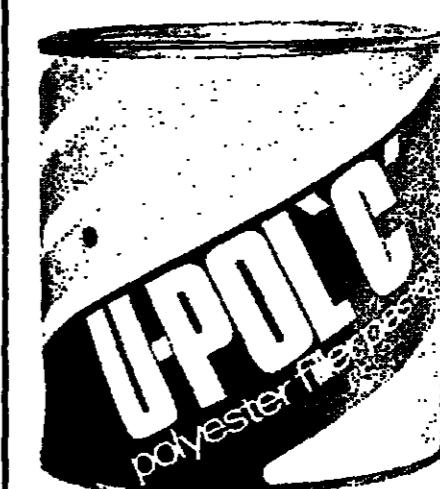
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'Sovereignty-Association' plan stirs debate

Levesque heads Quebec on a collision course with Canada

By John Rogers

QUEBEC CITY, Nov. 12 (R) — It's a bit like a couple who get divorced but keep their joint bank account.

"Sovereignty-Association" is what Premier René Levesque calls his formulas for the future political status of Quebec, Canada's mainly French speaking, second-largest province.

The sovereignty half of the ungrainy phrase means what it says — political independence from Canada.

In economic and monetary "association" with Canada, Quebec would continue to enjoy economic benefits in a "new partnership between equals," says a special document released here, defining Sovereignty-Association for the first time.

The tough, chain-smoking Levesque unveiled the white paper promising a "new deal" for Quebec's 6.3 million people through Sovereignty-Association to a chorus of cheers from his supporters and boos from other Canadians.

Federal Prime Minister Joe Clark said it was unacceptable. The premiers of five other Canadian provinces also rejected it, and Quebec opposition leader Claude Ryan predicted it would collapse like a house of cards.

Sovereignty-Association will be put to Quebec's voters in a referendum next May or June. Levesque will be seeking a mandate — through a question to be announced next month — to negotiate its implementation with the federal government in Ottawa.

The definition of the term in the 118-page white paper, three years after Levesque's nationalist Parti Québécois swept to power here, contained no surprises.

But it put Canada on notice that the "Quebec problem," part of Canadian politics since the British captured this capital city in 1759, is about to come to another climax — and one which could, eventually, split the country.

Levesque hopes the referendum will be the



Joe Clark

final "great crossroads" for Quebec, and its launching pad as a sovereign state.

"We will not hesitate... to choose the only road that can open up the horizon and guarantee us a free, proud and adult national existence," he wrote in a special appeal, urging Quebecers to vote "yes" in the referendum.

"Sovereignty will give free rein to Quebec initiative on all fronts, both now and in the future," he said. "Association will allow us to keep in common everything that is mutually advantageous."

The only problem, his political enemies immediately retorted, was that Levesque's formula would mean splitting up Canada. Others accused him of wanting the impossible, of trying to have his cake and eat it.

Ryan and several other critics said sovereignty was all that would be achieved, and association would prove impossible to negotiate.

The Quebec Liberal Party chief accused the premier of slanted reasoning in the white paper and of looking at the problems of Quebec exclusively from the viewpoint of the majority — Quebecers of French origin — while ignoring the hundreds of thousands



René Levesque

with English or other backgrounds.

Levesque was also accused of putting a gloss on the issue to allay some Quebecers' fears of independence.

In the white paper, he said a sovereign Quebec would be "a pivot, rather than a barrier" between the Atlantic provinces and the powerful province of Ontario.

But most non-Quebecers fear that the reality, if Sovereignty-Association is achieved, will be the truncation and weakening of Canada, with no guarantee of a bright future for Quebec.

Levesque expects a close result in the referendum.

Public opinion polls have indicated that he might win approval for a question seeking a negotiating mandate, but would not do so if he asked for anything else — especially outright independence, which only nine per cent of Quebecers preferred in a recent poll.

The premier insists that negotiation is the only way he will try in order to achieve Sovereignty-Association. Its main elements could be settled within two years, he reckons.

"Any unilateral declaration of sovereignty immediately after the referendum is completely out of the question," the white paper



Pierre Trudeau

says.

A major problem for Levesque is the flat refusal of some provincial premiers to negotiate "association" with a sovereignty-minded Quebec. Their cooperation, or at least willingness to talk, would be vital.

Shortly after the white paper was released the most powerful five of the other nine provincial leaders declared themselves opposed to its proposals.

Among them was Premier William Davis of Ontario, who said Canada's largest province would not negotiate with Levesque because his policy was ... "the ultimate cop-out — a self-imposed ghetto mentality..."

"It would seriously disadvantage Quebecers economically and politically without even marginally contributing to greater cultural security."

A few days later, the premiers of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan — between them rich in oil, natural gas, timber and grain — also rejected the plan.

They said Sovereignty-Association was "neither the economic interest of Western Canada nor in the broader interest of Canadians as a whole."

David has not said whether he will negoti-

Chlorine spews from train crash

Canada gas leak prompts mass evacuation

MISSISSAUGA, Ontario, Nov. 12 (Agencies) — A pall of noxious smoke hung over this Toronto suburb Monday after a train derailment released deadly chlorine gas into the air and forced the biggest evacuation in Canadian history.

Nearly a quarter of a million people were ordered from their homes Sunday night after seven tanker cars carrying chlorine and other gases exploded in flames.

The fire was still threatening an eighth tanker loaded with liquid chlorine and Firemen feared more explosions.

Authorities said the evacuation order might be widened to take in more areas if the eighth tanker went up.

Many of the 230,000 people evacuated from Mississauga, an industrial city on the fringes of Toronto, and adjacent Oakville spent the night on cots in schools and at a hastily assembled refugee camp set up at the Toronto International Center.

The evacuation directive, issued by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment also said several thousand residents of the Toronto suburb of Etobicoke were told to abandon their homes as shifting winds spread the smoke and fumes.

No deaths or injuries were reported as one of the biggest peace-time evacuations in history continued in this Ontario city 16 kilometers west of Toronto.

A civil engineer with the ministry said there was no immediate danger from the leakage of chlorine gas and the evacuations were a precautionary measure.

Police said most residents were going to homes of relatives in the Toronto area as fumes spread as far as 10 kilometers away from the site of the derailment.

High schools and shopping centers were opened to house evacuees who had nowhere else to go, including many of some 400 patients in the Mississauga General Hospital. Police, firemen and evacuees complained of nausea, headaches and watery eyes.

By late Sunday, seven tanker cars were still burning and police feared the fire might spread to a leaking 90-ton tanker filled with chlorine gas.

Ontario Attorney General Roy McMurtry told reporters, "there is no serious leak of chlorine."



DEADLY: Almost a quarter-million persons have been evacuated from the city of Mississauga, Canada, after a train wreck there touched off explosions and fires which released large clouds of deadly chlorine gas into the air. (AP photo)

Blasts China, West

Samrin claims Phnom Penh will take any food aid

for president or vice chairman.

On Saturday the martial law government announced that a new president would be named within three months under the current constitution, which places severe limits on political activity. The country's chairwoman would then be revised.

Martial law, imposed after student riots erupted in the south last month and extended nationwide after Park's death, remains in effect but is barely visible on the surface. Aside from a handful of armed soldiers posted at major buildings, non-political life has returned to normal.

Opposition leader Kim Dae-jung has been denied almost all contact with the outside world at his closely guarded home and it was the 82-year-old Yung Po-sun who released the opposition statement to the press Monday.

In a display of national unity, the opposition has been relatively quiet since Park's death with many well known critics of his rule joining in the national mourning over his death.

He highly praised the aid he said had been supplied by Vietnam, the Soviet Union and other Communist countries, while adding relief from the Red Cross and private organ-

izations had been relatively small in amount.

Vietnam, he said, had supplied 200,000 tons of food.

Samrin said that since his government took power in January after the ousting of the Chinese-backed Pol Pot administration, rice had been planted in about one quarter of Cambodia's farmland. The food crisis therefore would improve once the rice is harvested in two months, he said.

Samrin claimed his administration had achieved substantial progress for a country in which he alleged three million people had been killed by its former regime and which had been prostrated.

As an example, he pointed to the opening of 1,333 primary schools for 350,000 pupils.

While denouncing China as expansionist, he told Tokyo Shimbun that Cambodia seeks peace, friendship and cooperation with all countries.

"We will not take up the recognition of the People's Republic of Kampuchea (Cambodia) as a precondition" to accepting aid from any quarter, Samrin said.

The Samrin administration has not been recognized in the United Nations, or by many countries. It is under attack by guerrilla forces loyal to Pol Pot and supported by China.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazra

Like many Arab journalists, I have been in and out of courts more times than can remember. But unlike many, I have always succeeded in staying away from prison. Fines I have had to pay may seem very high some of them, when the alternative was a term in jail. Once, found myself being photographed in front of the court building with Ghassan Tuan, owner-editor of one of the Arab world's greatest daily newspapers, *Al-Naba*, sharing with him the honor of appearing before the same military court.

Once I was on trial on very grave "national security" charges in Beirut. The trial went on and on — the charges were too complicated for me to figure out, my lawyer was slugging it out valiantly with the military judges. I thought: Jail time. Far too serious for mere fines. But then suddenly the trial was off. Now that wasn't something official and above board like having the charges dropped or the case dismissed. Only I turned up the morning with my lawyer and we were both told simply to go away. The lawyer was even more mystified than I was. But I advised against prying into the matter: "Just keep it quiet. You never know, they might change their minds if you ask." That was dear old Beirut ...

The most important charge I had to face concerned a report we produced on the situation in South Lebanon. This was about seven years ago. The military investigator — a tough, strict customer who refused to allow me to stand during the long hours of investigation — accused me of everything barring high treason. Did I know, did I have any idea, what service he had done the enemy by actually photographing and publishing pictures of the situation in the "restricted military area" in the South. In answer, I showed him some photographs we considered "hot" to publish. Our reporter had actually been stopped by an Israeli patrol within the Lebanese borders. The cameraman had made a full record of the incident.

My point was that we have indeed shown restraint in what we published. We wanted public attention directed to our presence in the South without going on our way to embarrass Lebanese security forces. My defense was utterly rejected and I was sent to trial. But now that was duly fined at the end, and severely warned to wait for the step in the future.

This was seven years ago as far as I am concerned. Before Israeli presence on Lebanese soil became an accepted norm. But now the South is no longer a "restricted area" it is open to all and sundry. So is the whole Lebanon.

Kennedy seen leading all U.S. politicians

WASHINGTON Nov. 12 (R) — Sen. Edward Kennedy leads both Democratic and Republican contenders for the presidential election with 29 per cent of the vote, according to an ABC News poll released Sunday.

But more voters, 33 per cent, were undecided about how they would vote.

A telephone sample of 1,500 people around the country Nov. 3 and 4 ranked President Jimmy Carter behind Kennedy with 24 per cent of the vote.

Republicans Ronald Reagan, Howard Baker, John Connally and Gerald Ford received respectively nine, four, three and three percentage points and Democrat Joe Brown got one per cent.

The other Republicans in the race, Jo Anderson, George Bush and Phil Crane each received less than one per cent.

Meanwhile, in Washington, sources say that former President Richard M. Nixon, who is moving from California to New York, is studying "several" locations for a New York City office that could cost taxpayers from \$100,000 to \$200,000 a year.

U.K. shows impatience as Front still adamant

LONDON, Nov. 12 (R) — After nine weeks of wrangling, the Zimbabwe Rhodesian peace conference was Monday heading for climax with Britain growing increasingly impatient.

"There is very little room for maneuver and very little time left," a British spokesman told reporters.

British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, the conference chairman, has been waiting week to hear whether the Patriotic Forces accept his proposals for fresh elections and legal independence for the territory.

The guerrillas' opponents, the Salafis, administration of President Abel Muzorewa, have already accepted the plan and sent a delegation home to begin the electric campaign.

The pressure on the front to come to terms built up over the weekend. One of their principal backers, Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, said publicly that "a little more patience" might seal any agreement.